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VOL. IV.

ISAIAH—MALACHI.



THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

1 ¹ THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD hath spoken : I have ¹nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled
3 against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib : *but* Israel doth not know,
4 my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal corruptly : they have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged *and gone* backward.

5 ²Why will ye be still stricken, that ye revolt more and more ? ³the whole head is sick, and

6 ³the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it ; *but* wounds, and bruises, and ⁴fester-
ing sores : they have not been closed, neither
7 bound up, neither mollified with oil. Your country is desolate ; your cities are burned with fire ; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, ⁵as overthrown by

8 strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the

¹ Or, *made great and exalted*
See Ezek. xxxi. 4.

² Or, *Why should ye be stricken any more ? ye will revolt &c.*

³ Or, *every*

⁴ Or, *fresh stripes*

⁵ Or, *as the overthrow of strangers*

LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

¹ Or, *judges*

² Or, *teaching*

Hear the word of the LORD, ye ¹rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the ²law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. When ye come ³to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample my courts? Bring no more ⁴vain obla-

³ Or, as otherwise read, *to see my face*

⁴ Heb. *an oblation of vanity.*

⁵ Or, *I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting*

⁶ Or, *cumbrance*

⁵I cannot away with iniquity and the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a ⁶trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil: learn to do well; seek judgement, ⁷re- lieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

⁷ Or, *set right the oppressor*

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

How is the faithful city become an harlot! she that was full of judgement! righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers. Thy silver is become

23 dross, thy wine mixed with water. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine

25 enemies: and I will ¹turn my hand upon thee, and ²thoroughly purge away thy dross, and will

26 take away all thy ³tin: and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called

The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and

28 ⁴her converts with righteousness. But the ⁵destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the

29 LORD shall be consumed. For they shall be ashamed of the ⁶oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that

30 ye have chosen. For ye shall be as ⁷an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no

31 water. And the strong shall be as tow, and his work as a spark; and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

2 1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 ⁸And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established ⁹in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations

3 shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth ¹⁰the law, and the word of the LORD from

¹ Or, bring my hand again

² Heb. as with lye.

³ Or, alloy

⁴ Or, they that return of her

⁵ Heb. breaking.

⁶ Or, terebinths

⁷ Or, a terebinth

⁸ See Micah iv. 1-3.

⁹ Or, at the head

¹⁰ Or, instruction

¹ Or, *among*

² Or, *decide concerning*

Jerusalem. And he shall judge ¹between the nations, and shall ²reprove many peoples: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD. For thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be filled *with customs* from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike hands with the children of strangers. Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

³ Or, *boweth down*

⁴ Or, *humbleth himself*

And the mean man ³is bowed down, and the great man ⁴is brought low: therefore forgive them not. Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For

⁵ Or, *the LORD of hosts hath a day*

⁵there shall be a day of the LORD of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low: and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan; and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up; and upon every lofty tower, and upon every fenced wall; and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant ⁶imagery. And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low: and the LORD alone shall be

⁶ Or, *watch-towers*

18 exalted in that day. And the idols shall utterly
 19 pass away. And men shall go into the caves of
 the rocks, and into the holes of the ¹earth, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the
 glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake
 20 mightily the earth. In that day a man shall
 cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of
 gold, which they made for him to worship, to
 21 the moles and to the bats; to go into the
 caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the
 ragged rocks, from before the terror of the
 LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, when
 22 he ariseth to shake mightily the earth. ²Cease
 ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:
 for wherein is he to be accounted of?

¹ Heb. *dust*.

² The Sept.
omits this
verse.

3 ¹ For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
 doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah
 stay and staff, the whole stay of bread, and the
 2 whole stay of water; the mighty man, and the
 man of war; the judge, and the prophet, and
 3 the diviner, and the ³ancient; the captain of
 fifty, and the honourable man, and the coun-
 sellor, and the cunning ⁴artificer, and the skilful
 4 enchanter. And I will give children to be their
 5 princes, and ⁵babes shall rule over them. And
 the people shall be oppressed, every one by
 another, and every one by his neighbour: the
 child shall behave himself proudly against the
³ancient, and the base against the honourable.
 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother in
 the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast
 clothing, be thou our ⁶ruler, and let this ruin be
 7 under thy hand: in that day shall he lift up *his*
voice, saying, I will not be ⁷an healer; for in my
 house is neither bread nor clothing: ye shall not
 8 make me ruler of the people. For Jerusalem
 is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their
 tongue and their doings are against the LORD,

³ Or, *elder*

⁴ Or, *charmer*

⁵ Or, *with*
childishness
shall they rule
over them

⁶ Or, *judge*

⁷ Heb. *a*
binder up.

¹ Or, *Their respecting of persons doth &c.*

² Or, *done*

³ Or, *doing*

⁴ Heb. *done to him.*

⁵ Heb. *swallow up.*

⁶ Or, *people*

to provoke the eyes of his glory. ¹The shew ⁹ of their countenance doth witness against them ; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul ! for they have ²rewarded evil unto themselves. Say ye of the ¹⁰ righteous, that *it shall be well with him* : for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe ¹¹ unto the wicked ! *it shall be ill with him* : for the ³reward of his hands shall be ⁴given him. As for my people, children are their oppressors, ¹² and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and ⁵destroy the way of thy paths. The LORD standeth up ¹³ to plead, and standeth to judge the ⁶peoples. The LORD will enter into judgement with the ¹⁴ elders of his people, and the princes thereof : It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard ; the spoil of the poor is in your houses : what mean ¹⁵ ye that ye crush my people, and grind the face of the poor ? saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

Moreover the LORD said, Because the ¹⁶ daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet : therefore the Lord will smite ¹⁷ with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will lay bare their secret parts. In that day the Lord will ¹⁸ take away the bravery of their anklets, and the ⁷cauls, and the crescents ; the pendants, and ¹⁹ the ⁸bracelets, and the mufflers ; the headtires, ²⁰ and the ankle chains, and the sashes, and the perfume boxes, and the amulets ; the rings, and ²¹ the nose jewels ; the festival robes, and the mantles, and the shawls, and the satchels ; the hand ²² mirrors, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the veils. And it shall come to pass, that in- ²³ stead of sweet spices there shall be rottenness ;

⁷ Or, *networks*

⁸ Or, *chains*

- and instead of a girdle a rope; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth: branding
 25 instead of beauty. Thy men shall fall by the
 26 sword, and thy ¹mighty in the war. And her
 gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall be
 4 1 ²desolate and sit upon the ground. And seven ²Or, *emptied*
 women shall take hold of one man in that day,
 saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear
 our own apparel: only let us be called by thy
 name; take thou away our reproach.
- 2 In that day shall the ³branch of the LORD ³Or, *shoot*
 be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the *Or, sprout*
⁴land shall be ⁶excellent and comely for them ⁴Or, *earth*
 3 that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come ⁵Or, *majestic*
 to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that
 remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,
 even every one that is written ⁶among the
 4 living in Jerusalem: when the Lord shall have
 washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,
 and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem
 from the midst thereof, by the ⁷spirit of judge-
 5 ment, and by the ⁷spirit of burning. And the
 LORD will create over ⁸the whole habitation of ⁸Or, *unto*
 mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud *life*
 and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming
 fire by night: for over all the glory *shall be*
 6 *spread* a canopy. And there shall be a pavilion
 for a shadow in the day-time from the heat, and
 for a refuge and for a covert from storm and
 from rain.
- 5 1 Let me sing ⁹for my wellbeloved a song of ⁹Or, *of*
 my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-
 beloved had a vineyard in ¹⁰a very fruitful hill: ¹⁰Heb. *a horn,*
 2 and he ¹¹made a trench about it, and gathered *the son of oil.*
 out the stones thereof, and planted it with the
 choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of
 it, and also hewed out a ¹²winepress therein: and ¹²Or, *winevat*

he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be ¹eaten up; I will break down the fence thereof, and it shall be trodden down: and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor hoed; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah ²his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgement, but behold ³oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

¹ Or, *burnt*

² Heb. *the plant of his delight.*

³ Or, *shedding of blood*

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no room, and ye be made to dwell alone in the midst of the land! In mine ears *saith* the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant. For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a ⁴homer of seed shall yield *but* an ephah.

⁴ See Ezek. xlv. 11.

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them! And the harp and the lute, the tabret and the pipe, and wine, are *in* their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither have they considered the operation of his hands. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, for lack of knowledge: and ⁵their honourable men are famished, and their multitude are parched

⁵ Heb. *their glory are men of famine.*

- 14 with thirst. Therefore ¹hell hath enlarged her desire, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their ²pomp, and he that rejoiceth among them, de-
 15 scend *into it*. And the mean man is bowed down, and the great man is humbled, and the
 16 eyes of the lofty are humbled: but the LORD of hosts is exalted in judgement, and God the Holy
 17 One is sanctified in righteousness. Then shall the lambs feed as in their pasture, and the waste places of the fat ones shall ³wanderers eat.
 18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:
 19 that say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!
 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!
 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong
 23 drink: which justify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the right-
 24 eous from him! Therefore as the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have rejected the ⁴law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
 25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them, and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses

¹ Or, *the grave*
 Heb. *Sheol*.
 See Gen.
 xxxvii. 35.

² Or, *tumult*

³ Or, *strangers*

⁴ Or, *teaching*

were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. And he ²⁶ will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss for ¹them from the end of the earth: and, behold, ²they shall come with speed swiftly: none shall be weary nor stumble among ²⁷ them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: whose arrows ²⁸ are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: their roaring shall be like a ²⁹ lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to deliver. And they shall roar ³against them in that day ³⁰ like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, ⁴behold darkness *and* distress, and the light is darkened in the clouds thereof.

¹ Heb. *him*.

² Heb. *he*, and in the following verses.

³ Or, *over*

⁴ According to the Masoretic text, *behold darkness; distress and light; it is dark &c.*

⁵ Or, *skirts*

⁶ Heb. *the fulness of the whole earth is his glory.*

⁷ Or, *hot stone*

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the ¹ **6** Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his ⁵train filled the temple. Above him ² stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, ³ holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: ⁶the whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the ⁴ thresholds were moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; ⁵ because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, ⁶ having a ⁷live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he ⁷

- touched my mouth with it, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is
 8 taken away, and thy sin ¹purged. And I heard ¹ Or, *expiated*
 the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said,
 9 Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye ²indeed, but under-
 stand not; and see ye ²indeed, but perceive not. ² Or, *continually*
 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and ³understand with their heart, and turn again,
 11 and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until cities be waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the
 12 land become utterly waste, and the LORD have removed men far away, and the forsaken places
 13 be many in the midst of the land. ⁴ And if there be yet a tenth in it, it shall again be ⁵eaten up: as a terebinth, and as an oak, ⁶whose ⁷stock remaineth, when they ⁸are felled; so the holy seed is the ⁷stock thereof. ⁴ Or, *But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten up*
⁵ Or, *burnt*
⁶ Or, *whose substance is in them*
⁷ Or, *substance*
⁸ Or, *cast their leaves*
 7 ¹ And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it; but could not prevail
 2 against it. And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria ⁹is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind. ⁹ Heb. *resteth on Ephraim.*
 3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ¹⁰Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper
 4 pool, in the high way of the fuller's field; and say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither let thine heart be faint, because of ¹⁰ That is, *A remnant shall return.*

these two tails of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. Because Syria hath counselled 5 evil against thee, Ephraim *also*, and the son of Remaliah, saying, Let us go up against Judah, 6 and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeel: thus saith the Lord God, It 7 shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the 8 head of Damascus is Rezin: and within three-score and five years shall Ephraim be broken in pieces, that it be not a people: and the head 9 of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

And the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, 10 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ¹ask it 11 either in the depth, or in the height above. But 12 Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house 13 of David; is it a small thing for you to weary men, that ye will weary my God also? Therefore 14 the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, ²a ³virgin ⁴shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name ⁵Immanuel. ⁶Butter and 15 honey shall he eat, ⁷when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the 16 child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou abhorrest shall be forsaken. The LORD shall bring 17 upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that 18 the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *make it deep unto Sheol.*

² Or, *the*

³ Or, *maiden*

⁴ Or, *is with child, and beareth*

⁵ That is, *God is with us.*

⁶ Or, *Curds*

⁷ Or, *that he may know*

- 19 the bee that is in the land of Assyria. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the ¹desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all ²pastures. ¹ Or, *rugged* ² Or, *bushes*
- 20 In that day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, *which is* in the parts beyond the River, *even* with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.
- 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two
- 22 sheep; and it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the midst of the land.
- 23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, shall even be for briers
- 24 and thorns. With arrows and with bow shall one come thither; because all the land shall be
- 25 briers and thorns. And all the hills that were digged with the mattock, ³thou shalt not come thither for fear of briers and thorns, but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep. ³ Or, *where never came the fear of briers and thorns, shall be &c.*
- 8 ¹ And the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it ⁴with the pen of a man, For ⁵Maher-shalal-hash-baz; and I will take unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD unto me, Call his name Maher-shalal-
- 4 hash-baz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be carried away before the king of Assyria. ⁴ Or, *in common characters* ⁵ That is, *The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth.*

And the LORD spake unto me yet again, ⁵saying, Forasmuch as this people hath refused ⁶the waters of Shiloah that go softly, ¹and rejoice ²in Rezin and Remaliah's son; now therefore, ⁷behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: and he shall sweep onward into ⁸Judah; he shall overflow and pass through; he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, ³O Immanuel.

¹ Or, *even them that rejoice*

² Or, *with*

³ See ch. vii. ¹⁴.

⁴ Or, *Break*
According to some ancient authorities, *Associate yourselves.*

⁵ Heb. *immanu El.*

⁶ Heb. *with strength of hand.* See Ezek. iii. 14.

⁷ Or, *many among them shall stumble, and fall &c.*

⁸ Or, *teaching*

⁴Make an uproar, O ye peoples, and ye shall ⁹be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel to- ¹⁰gether, and it shall be brought to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for ⁵God is with us. For the LORD spake thus to me ⁶with ¹¹a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ¹²ye not, A conspiracy, concerning all whereof this people shall say, A conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be in dread *thereof*. The LORD ¹³of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he ¹⁴shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And ⁷many shall ¹⁵stumble thereon, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

Bind thou up the testimony, seal the ⁸law ¹⁶among my disciples. And I will wait for the ¹⁷LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and ¹⁸

the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

- 19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto the wizards, that chirp and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? on behalf of the
 20 living *should they seek* unto the dead? To the ¹law and to the testimony! ²if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no
 21 morning for them. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and ³curse by their king and by their God, and turn their faces
 22 upward: and they shall look unto the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; ⁴and ⁵into thick darkness *they shall be*
 9 ¹driven away. ⁶But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, ⁷Galilee of the
 2 nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the ⁸shadow of death, upon them hath
 3 the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, ⁹thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as
 4 men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast
 5 broken as in the day of Midian. For ¹⁰all the armour of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall even be for
 6 burning, for fuel of fire. For unto us a child is

¹ Or, *teaching*

² Or, *surely according to this word shall they speak, for whom there is no morning*

³ Or, *curse their king and their God*

⁴ Or, *and thick darkness shall be driven away: for there &c.*

⁵ Or, *in* [Ch. viii. 23 in Heb.]

⁶ Or, *For*

⁷ Or, *the district* [Ch. ix. 1 in Heb.]

⁸ Or, *deep darkness*

⁹ Another reading is, *thou didst not increase the joy.*

¹⁰ Or, *every boot of the booted warrior*

¹ Or,
*Wonderful
counsellor*
² Heb. *Father
of Eternity.*

born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called ¹Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, ²Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the ⁷increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgement and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this.

³ Or, *hath set*
⁴ Or, *hath
stirred*
⁵ Or, *join
together*
Or, *arm*
⁶ Or, *on the
east*
⁷ Or, *on the
west*
⁸ Or, *have
devoured*
⁹ Or, *hath
cut*
¹⁰ Or, *elder*

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it ⁸hath lighted upon Israel. And all the people ⁹shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart, The bricks are fallen, but we will build ¹⁰with hewn stone: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. There- ¹¹fore the LORD ³shall set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and ⁴shall ⁵stir up his enemies; the Syrians ⁶before, and the Philis- ¹²tines ⁷behind; and they ⁸shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

¹¹ Heb.
swallowed up.

Yet the people hath not turned unto him ¹³that smote them, neither have they sought the LORD of hosts. Therefore the LORD ⁹will cut off ¹⁴from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. The ¹⁰ancient and the honourable ¹⁵man, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. For they that lead ¹⁶this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are ¹¹destroyed. Therefore the ¹⁷Lord shall not rejoice over their young men, neither shall he have compassion on their fatherless and widows: for every one is profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it devoureth the briers and thorns: yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in thick clouds of smoke. Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land ¹burnt up: ²Or, *darkened* the people also are as the fuel of fire; no man spareth his brother. And one shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of ²¹his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

10 ¹ Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers that write perverseness: to turn aside the needy from judgement, and to take away the right of the poor of my people, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! ³ And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where ⁴will ye leave your glory? ²They shall only bow down under the prisoners, and shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

⁵ ³Ho Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, the staff ³Or, *Woe to Assyria* in whose hand is mine indignation! I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and ⁴to tread them down like the mire of the streets. ⁴Heb. *to make them a treading down.*

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. For he saith, ⁹Are not my princes all of them kings? Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad?

is not Samaria as Damascus? As my hand ¹⁰ hath ¹found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; shall I not, as I have done unto ¹¹ Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when ¹² the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will ²punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. For ¹³ he hath said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and I have brought down as a valiant man ³them that sit *on thrones*: and my hand hath ¹⁴ found as a nest the riches of the peoples; and as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken, have I gathered all the earth: and there was none that moved the wing, or that opened the mouth, or chirped. Shall the axe boast itself against him ¹⁵ that heweth therewith? shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if a rod should shake them that lift it up, *or* as if a staff should lift up *him that is* not wood.

Therefore shall the Lord, the LORD of hosts, ¹⁶ send among his fat ones leanness; and ⁴under his glory there shall be kindled a burning like the burning of fire. And the light of ¹⁷ Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. And he ¹⁸ shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and it shall be ⁵as when a standardbearer fainteth. And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall ¹⁹ be few, that a child may write them.

¹ Or, *reached*

² Heb, *visit upon*.

³ Or, *the inhabitants*

⁴ Or, *instead of*

⁵ Or, *as when a sick man pineth away*

- 20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and they that are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel,
- 21 in truth. ¹A remnant shall return, *even* the ¹ Heb. *shear jashub*.
 22 remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though ²thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *only* a remnant ³of them shall return: ² Or, *thy people, O Israel*
 a consumption *is* determined, overflowing with ³ Heb. *in it*.
 23 righteousness. For a consummation, and that determined, shall the Lord, the LORD of hosts, make in the midst of all the ⁴earth. ⁴ Or, *land*
- 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of ⁵the Assyrian: though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff ⁵ Heb. *Asshur*.
 25 against thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall be accomplished, and ⁶mine anger, in their ⁶ Or, *mine anger shall be to their &c.*
 26 destruction. And the LORD of hosts shall stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and ⁷his rod shall be over the sea, and he shall lift it up ⁷ Or, *as his rod was over the sea, so shall he &c.*
 27 after the manner of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed ⁸because of ⁹the anointing. ⁸ Or, *by reason of fatness*
 28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed through ⁹ Heb. *oil*.
 Migron; at Michmash he layeth up his baggage: ¹⁰ Or, *Geba is our lodging,*
 29 they are gone over the pass; ¹⁰they have taken up their lodging at Geba: Ramah trembleth; ¹¹ Or, *as otherwise read, answer her, O Anathoth!*
 30 Gibeah of Saul is fled. Cry aloud with thy voice, O daughter of Gallim! hearken, O Laishah!
 31 ¹¹O thou poor Anathoth! Madmenah is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim ¹²gather them- ¹² Or, *make their households flee*
 32 selves to flee. This very day shall he halt at

Nob: he shaketh his hand at the mount of the¹ daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

¹ Another reading is, *house*.

Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall³³ lop the boughs with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought low. And he shall cut³⁴ down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

And there shall come forth a shoot out of¹ 11 the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit: and the spirit of the² LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and³ his³ delight shall be in the³ fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither⁴ reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness⁴ shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the⁵ earth: and he shall smite the⁵ earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle⁵ of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,⁶ and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their⁷ young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the⁸ sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the⁶ basilisk's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy⁹ in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

² Or, *he shall be of quick understanding*

³ Heb. *scent*.

⁴ Or, *decide*

⁵ Or, *land*

⁶ Or, *adder's*

And it shall come to pass in that day, that¹⁰

the root of Jesse, which standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek; and his resting place shall be ¹glorious.

¹ Heb. *glory*.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord ²shall set his hand again the second time to ³recover the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from

² Or, *shall again the second time recover with his hand*

³ Or, *pure race*
See Ex. xv. 16.

12 Hamath, and from the ⁴islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four

⁴ Or, *coastlands*

13 corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex ⁵Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah,

⁵ Or, *in Judah*

14 and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together shall they spoil the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the

15 children of Ammon shall obey them. And the LORD shall ⁶utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his ⁷scorching wind shall he shake his hand over the River, and shall smite it into seven streams, and cause

⁶ Heb. *devote*.
According to some ancient versions, *dry up*.

16 men to march over dryshod. And there shall be an high way for the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria; like as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

⁷ According to some ancient versions, *mighty*.

12 1 And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD; for though thou wast angry with me, ⁸thine anger is turned

2 away, and thou comfortest me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for ⁹the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and song; and he is become my

⁸ Or, *let thine anger turn away, and comfort thou me*

⁹ Heb. *Jeh*
Jehovah.

salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw 3
water out of the wells of salvation. And in 4
that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto the
LORD, ¹call upon his name, declare his doings
among the peoples, make mention that his
name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he 5
hath done ²excellent things: ³let this be known
in all the earth. Cry aloud and shout, thou 6
⁴inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One
of Israel in the midst of thee.

¹ Or, *proclaim
his name*

² Or,
gloriously

³ Or, *this is
made known*

⁴ Heb.
inhabitant.

⁵ Or, *oracle
concerning*

The ⁵burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the 1 **13**
son of Amoz did see.

Set ye up an ensign upon the bare mountain, 2
lift up the voice unto them, wave the hand,
that they may go into the gates of the nobles.
I have commanded my consecrated ones, yea, 3
I have called my mighty men for mine anger,
even ⁶my proudly exulting ones. The noise 4
of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a
great people! the noise of a tumult of the
kingdoms of the nations gathered together!
the LORD of hosts mustereth the host for the
battle. They come from a far country, from 5
the uttermost part of heaven, even the LORD,
and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy
the whole land. Howl ye; for the day of 6
the LORD is at hand; as destruction from ⁷the
Almighty shall it come. Therefore shall all 7
hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall
melt: and they shall be dismayed; ⁸pangs and 8
sorrows shall take hold *of them*; they shall
be in pain as a woman in travail: they shall
be amazed one at another; their faces *shall*
be faces of flame. Behold, the day of the LORD 9
cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to
make the land a desolation, and to destroy
the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars 10
of heaven and the constellations thereof shall

⁶ Or, *them that
exult in my
majesty*

⁷ Heb.
Shaddai.
See Gen.
xvii. 1.

⁸ Or, *they
shall take hold
of pangs and
sorrows*

not give their light: the sun shall be dark-
 ened in his going forth, and the moon shall
 11 not cause her light to shine. And I will
 punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked
 for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrog-
 ancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low
 12 the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make
 a man more rare than fine gold, even a man
 13 than the pure gold of Ophir. Therefore I will
 make the heavens to tremble, and the earth
 shall be shaken out of her place, in the wrath
 of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his
 14 fierce anger. And it shall come to pass, that
 as the chased ¹roe, and as sheep that no man
 gathereth, they shall turn every man to his
 own people, and shall flee every man to his
 15 own land. Every one that is found shall be
 thrust through; and every one that is ²taken
 16 shall fall by the sword. Their infants also
 shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes;
 their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives
 17 ravished. Behold, I will stir up the Medes
 against them, which shall not regard silver, and
 18 as for gold, they shall not delight in it. And
their bows shall dash the young men in pieces;
 and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the
 19 womb; their eye shall not spare children. And
 Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty
 of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when
 20 God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall
 never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt
 in from generation to generation: neither shall
 the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall
 shepherds make their flocks to lie down there.
 21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and
 their houses shall be full of doleful creatures;
 and ostriches shall dwell there, and ³satyrs shall
 22 dance there. And ⁴wolves shall ⁵cry in their

¹ Or, gazelle² Or, joined
thereunto³ Or, he-goats⁴ Heb.
howling
creatures.⁵ Or, answer

castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces :
 and her time is near to come, and her days
 shall not be prolonged. For the LORD will 14
 have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose
 Israel, and set them in their own land : and the
 stranger shall join himself with them, and they
 shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the ²
 peoples shall take them, and bring them to
 their place : and the house of Israel shall pos-
 sess them in the land of the LORD for servants
 and for handmaids : and they shall take them
 captive, whose captives they were ; and they
 shall rule over their oppressors.

And it shall come to pass in the day that the ³
 LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and
 from thy trouble, and from the hard service
 wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou ⁴
 shalt take up this parable against the king of
 Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor
 ceased ! the ¹golden city ceased ! The LORD ⁵
 hath broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre
 of the rulers ; ²that smote the peoples in ⁶
 wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the
 nations in anger, with a persecution that none
 restrained. The whole earth is at rest, *and* ⁷
 is quiet : they break forth into singing. Yea, ⁸
 the fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of
 Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no
 feller is come up against us. ³Hell from be- ⁹
 neath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy
 coming : it stirreth up ⁴the dead for thee, even
 all the ⁵chief ones of the earth ; it hath raised
 up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
 All they shall answer and say unto thee, Art ¹⁰
 thou also become weak as we ? art thou become
 like unto us ? Thy pomp is brought down to ¹¹
³hell, *and* the noise of thy viols : the worm is
 spread under thee, and worms cover thee. How ¹²

¹ Or, *exactress*

² Or, *he that
smote...is,
persecuted,
and none
hindereth*

³ Heb. *Sheol*.

⁴ Or, *the
shades*
Heb.
Rephaim.

⁵ Heb.
he-goats.

- art thou fallen from heaven, O day star, son of
 the morning! how art thou cut down to the
 13 ground, which didst lay low the nations! And
 thou saidst in thine heart, I will ascend into
 heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars
 of God; and I will sit upon the mount of con-
 gregation, in the uttermost parts of the north:
 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
 15 I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt
 be brought down to ¹hell, to the uttermost parts ¹ Heb. *Sheol*,
 16 of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly
 look upon thee, they shall consider thee, *saying*,
 Is this the man that made the earth to tremble,
 17 that did shake kingdoms; that made the world
 as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof:
 that let not loose his prisoners to their home?
 18 All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep
 19 in glory, every one in his own house. But thou
 art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an
 abominable branch, ²clothed with the slain, that ² Or, as the
 are thrust through with the sword, that go down *raiment of*
 to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden *those that are*
 20 under foot. Thou shalt not be joined with *slain*
 them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy
 land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of
 21 evil-doers shall not be named for ever. Pre-
 pare ye ³slaughter for his children for the ³ Or, a place
 iniquity of their fathers; that they rise not up, *of slaughter*
 and possess the earth, and fill the face of the
 22 world with cities. And I will rise up against
 them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from
 Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's
 23 son, saith the LORD. I will also make it a
 possession for the porcupine, and pools of water:
 and I will sweep it with the besom of destruc-
 tion, saith the LORD of hosts.
 24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely
 as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and

as I have purposed, so shall it stand : that I ²⁵
 will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon
 my mountains tread him under foot : then shall
 his yoke depart from off them, and his burden
 depart from off their shoulder. This is the ²⁶
 purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth :
 and this is the hand that is stretched out upon
 all the nations. For the LORD of hosts hath ²⁷
 purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand
 is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

In the year that king Ahaz died was this ²⁸
¹ Or, *oracle* ¹burden.

Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of thee, because ²⁹
 the rod that smote thee is broken : for out of
² Or, *adder* the serpent's root shall come forth a ²basilisk,
 and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.
 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and ³⁰
 the needy shall lie down in safety : and I will
 kill thy root with famine, and thy remnant shall
 be slain. Howl, O gate ; cry, O city ; thou art ³¹
 melted away, O Philistia, all of thee ; for there
³ Or, *there is no straggler in his ranks* cometh a smoke out of the north, and ³none
 standeth aloof at his appointed times. What ³²
 then shall one answer the messengers of the
 nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and
 in her shall the afflicted of his people take
 refuge.

⁴ Or, *oracle concerning*

⁵ Or, *in the night*

⁶ Or, *Bayith and Dibon are gone up to the high places*

⁷ Or, *the temple*

⁸ Or, *upon*

The ⁴burden of Moab.

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For ⁵in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste,
and brought to nought ; for ⁵in a night Kir of
 Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to nought.
⁶He is gone up to ⁷Bayith, and to Dibon, to ²
 the high places, to weep : Moab howleth ⁸over
 Nebo, and ⁸over Medeba : on all their heads is
 baldness, every beard is cut off. In their streets ³
 they gird themselves with sackcloth : on their
 housetops, and in their broad places, every one

- 4 howleth, weeping abundantly. And Heshbon crieth out, and Elealeh; their voice is heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud; his soul trembleth within him.
- 5 My heart crieth out for Moab; her ¹nobles *flee* unto Zoar, ²to Eglath-shelishiyah: for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they raise up a cry of
- 6 destruction. For the waters of Nimrim shall be ³desolate: for the grass is withered away, the tender grass faileth, there is no green thing.
- 7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry
- 8 away ⁴to the brook of the willows. For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim. For the waters of
- 9 Dimon are full of blood: for I will bring yet more upon Dimon, a lion upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.
- 16 1 ⁵Send ye the lambs for the ruler of the land from ⁶Sela ⁷*which is* toward the wilderness, unto
- 2 the mount of the daughter of Zion. For it shall be that, as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so shall the daughters of Moab be at the
- 3 fords of Arnon. Give counsel, execute judgement; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday: hide the outcasts; be-
- 4 wray not the wanderer. ⁸Let mine outcasts dwell with thee; as for Moab, be thou a covert to him from the face of the spoiler: for ⁹the extortioner is brought to nought, spoiling ceaseth,
- ¹⁰the oppressors are consumed out of the land.
- 5 And a throne shall be established in mercy, and one shall sit thereon in truth, in the tent of David; judging, and seeking judgement, and swift to do righteousness.
- 6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, *that* he

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *fugitives*

² Or, as an *heifer of three years old*

³ Heb. *desolations.*

⁴ Or, *over*

⁵ See 2 Kings iii. 4.

⁶ Or, *Petra*

⁷ Or, *to*

⁸ According to many ancient versions, *Let the outcasts of Moab dwell with thee; be thou &c.*

⁹ Or, *extortion*

¹⁰ Heb. *the treaders down.*

is very proud; even of his arrogancy, and his pride, and his wrath; his boastings are nought. Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one ⁷ shall howl: for the ¹raisin-cakes of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn, utterly stricken. For the fields ⁸ of Heshbon languish, *and* the vine of Sibmah; ²the lords of the nations have broken down the choice plants thereof; they reached even unto Jazer, they wandered into the wilderness; her branches were spread abroad, they passed over the sea. Therefore I will weep with the weeping ⁹ of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest the *battle* shout is fallen. And gladness is taken ¹⁰ away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither joyful noise: no treader shall tread out wine in the presses; I have made the *vintage* shout to cease. Wherefore my bowels sound like an ¹¹ harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-heres. And it shall come to pass, when Moab ¹² presenteth himself, when he wearieth himself upon the high place, and shall come to his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail.

This is the word that the LORD spake con- ¹³ cerning Moab in time past. But now the ¹⁴ LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and of no account.

The ³burden of Damascus.

17

Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The ² cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. The fortress also shall ³

¹ Or, foundations

² Or, her choice plants did break down the lords of nations

³ Or, oracle concerning

cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom ¹from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹ Or, *from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria shall &c.*

4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the
5 fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the standing corn, and his arm reapeth the ears; yea, it shall be as when one gleaneth ears in the valley
6 of Rephaim. Yet there shall be left therein gleanings, as the ²shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost branches of a fruitful
7 tree, saith the LORD, the God of Israel. In that day shall a man look unto his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of
8 Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall he have respect to that which his fingers have made, either the
9 ³Asherim, or the sun-images. In that day shall his strong cities be as the forsaken places ⁴in the wood and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel: and
10 it shall be a desolation. For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy ⁵strength; therefore thou plantest ⁶pleasant plants, and settest it
11 with ⁷strange slips: in the day of thy planting thou hedgest it in, and in the morning thou makest thy seed to blossom: but the harvest
⁸fleeth away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

² Heb. *beating.*

³ See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

⁴ The Sept. reads, *of the Amorites and the Hivites.*

⁵ Or, *strong hold*

⁶ Or, *plantings of Adonis*

⁷ Or, *vine slips of a strange god*

⁸ Or, *shall be a heap*

12 Ah, the ⁹uproar of many peoples, which roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of
13 mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but he shall

⁹ Or, *multitude*

¹ Heb. *him*.² Heb. *he*.³ Heb. *he is*.⁴ Or, *shadowing with wings*⁵ Heb. *Cush*.⁶ Or, *and*⁷ Or, *dragged away and peeled*⁸ Or, *meted out and trodden down*Heb. *of line, line, and of treading down*.⁹ Or, *have spoiled*¹⁰ Or, *when there is*

rebuke ¹them, and ²they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. At eventide behold terror; ¹⁴ *and* before the morning ³they are not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

Ah, the land ⁴of the rustling of wings, which ¹ **18** is beyond the rivers of ⁵Ethiopia: that sendeth ² ambassadors by the sea, ⁶even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation ⁷tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation ⁸that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers ⁹divide! All ye inhabitants of ³ the world, and ye dwellers on the earth, when an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye; and when the trumpet is blown, hear ye. For ⁴ thus hath the LORD said unto me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling place; ¹⁰like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. For afore the harvest, ⁵ when the blossom is over, and the flower becometh a ripening grape, he shall cut off the sprigs with pruninghooks, and the spreading branches shall he take away *and* cut down. They shall be left together unto the ravenous ⁶ birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the ravenous birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. In that time shall a present ⁷ be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people ¹¹tall and smooth, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

¹¹ See ver. 2.

19 ¹ The ¹burden of Egypt.

¹ Or, *oracle concerning*

Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and cometh unto Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

² And I will ²stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom

² Or, *join together*
Or, *arm*

³ against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall be made void in the midst of it; and I will ³destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek unto the idols, and to the ⁴charm-ers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the

³ Heb. *swallow up*.

⁴ wizards. And I will ⁵give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD

⁴ Or, *whisperers*

⁵ of hosts. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and become

⁵ Or, *shut up*

⁶ dry. And the rivers shall stink; the ⁶streams of ⁷Egypt shall be minished and dried up:

⁶ Or, *canals*

⁷ the reeds and flags shall wither away. The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all that is sown by the Nile, shall become ⁸dry, be driven away, and be no more. The fishers also shall lament, and all they that cast angle into the Nile shall mourn, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

⁷ Heb. *Mazor*.

⁹ Moreover they that work in combed flax, and they that weave ⁸white cloth, shall be ashamed.

⁸ Or, *cotton*

¹⁰ And her ⁹pillars shall be broken in pieces, all they ¹⁰that work for hire *shall be* grieved in soul.

⁹ Or, *foundations*

¹¹ The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

¹⁰ Or, *that make dams*

¹² Where then are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now; and let them know what the LORD of

hosts hath purposed concerning Egypt. The ¹³
princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of

¹ Or, *Memphis*

¹ Noph are deceived; they have caused Egypt to go astray, that are the corner stone of her tribes.

The LORD hath mingled a spirit of perverseness ¹⁴
in the midst of her: and they have caused Egypt to go astray in every work thereof, as a
drunken man ² staggereth in his vomit. Neither ¹⁵
shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do.

² Or, *goeth astray*

In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: ¹⁶
and it shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it. And the land of Judah ¹⁷
shall become a terror unto Egypt, ³ every one to whom mention is made thereof shall be afraid, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts, which he purposeth against it.

³ Or, *every one that maketh mention thereof, to him shall they turn in fear*

In that day there shall be five cities in the ¹⁸
land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called The city of ⁴ destruction.

⁴ Or, *Here's*
Or, according to another reading, *the sun*

In that day shall there be an altar to the ¹⁹
LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And ²⁰
it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and ⁵ a

⁵ Or, *a mighty one*

defender, and he shall deliver them. And the ²¹

⁶ Or, *make himself known*

LORD shall ⁶ be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day; yea, they shall worship with sacrifice and oblation, and shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and shall perform it. And the LORD shall smite Egypt, ²²
smiting and healing; and they shall return unto the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

23 In that day shall there be a high way out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians.

24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst
25 of the earth: for that the LORD of hosts hath blessed them, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

20 1 In the year that ¹Tartan came unto Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and
2 he fought against Ashdod and took it; at that time the LORD spake by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go, and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put thy shoe from off thy foot. And
3 he did so, walking naked and barefoot. And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot ²three years for a sign and a wonder upon Egypt and upon ³Ethiopia;
4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
5 And they shall be dismayed and ashamed, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of
6 Egypt their glory. And the inhabitant of this coastland shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and we, how shall we escape?

¹ The title of the Assyrian commander in chief.

² Or, to be for three years a sign &c.

³ Heb. *Cush*.

21 1 The ⁴burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it cometh from the wilderness, from a terrible land.
2 A ⁵grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and

⁴ Or, oracle concerning

⁵ Or, hard

¹ Or, *will I make*

² Heb. *bent*.

³ Heb. *wandereth*.

⁴ Or, *spread the carpets*

⁵ Or, *and he saw...and he hearkened*

⁶ Or, *a chariot*
Or, *chariots*

⁷ Or, *a pair of horsemen*

⁸ Or, *every night*

⁹ Or, *come chariots of men*

¹⁰ Heb. *son*.

¹¹ Or, *oracle concerning*

¹² Or, *what hour*

¹³ Or, *is come*

¹⁴ Or, *come ye again*

¹⁵ Or, *oracle*

¹⁶ Or, *thickets*

¹⁷ Or, *according to the ancient versions, at evening*

¹⁸ Or, *is thirsty bring ye*

¹⁹ Or, *as otherwise read, ye inhabitants of the land of Tema, meet*

the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof ¹have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with ³anguish; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in travail: I am ²pained so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I cannot see. My heart ³panteth, horror hath ⁴affrighted me: the twilight that I desired hath been turned into trembling unto me. They ⁵prepare the table, they ⁴set the watch, they eat, they drink: rise up, ye princes, anoint the shield. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a ⁶watchman; let him declare what he seeth: ⁵and ⁷when he seeth ⁶a troop, ⁷horsemen in pairs, ⁶a troop of asses, ⁶a troop of camels, he shall hearken diligently with much heed. And he ⁸cried as a lion: O Lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower in the day-time, and am set in my ward ⁸whole nights: and, behold, here ⁹cometh a troop of men, ⁷horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods are broken unto the ground. O thou my thresh- ¹⁰ing, and the ¹⁰corn of my floor: that which I have heard from the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

The ¹¹burden of Dumah. 11

One calleth unto me out of Seir, Watchman, ¹²what of the night? Watchman, ¹²what of the night? The watchman said, The morning ¹²cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: ¹⁴turn ye, come. 13

The ¹⁵burden upon Arabia. 13

In the ¹⁶forest ¹⁷in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanites. Unto ¹⁴him that ¹⁸was thirsty they brought water; ¹⁹the inhabitants of the land of Tema did meet the

15 fugitives with their bread. For they fled away
 from the swords, from the drawn sword, and
 from the bent bow, and from the grievousness
 16 of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me,
 Within a year, according to the years of an
 hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:
 17 and the residue of the number of the archers,
 the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall
 be few: for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath
 spoken it.

22 1 The ¹burden of the valley of vision.

¹ Or, oracle
 concerning

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly
 2 gone up to the housetops? O thou that art full
 of shoutings, a tumultuous city, a joyous town;
 thy slain are not slain with the sword, neither
 3 are they dead in battle. All thy rulers fled
 away together, they were bound ²by the archers:
 all that were found of thee were bound together,
 4 ³they fled afar off. Therefore said I, Look away
 from me, I will weep bitterly; ⁴labour not to com-
 fort me, for the spoiling of the daughter of my
 5 people. For it is a day of discomfiture, and of
 treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord,
 the LORD of hosts, in the valley of vision; a
 breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the
 6 ⁵mountains. And Elam bare the quiver, with
⁶chariots of men *and* horsemen; and Kir un-
 7 covered the shield. And it came to pass, that
 thy choicest valleys were full of chariots, and
 the horsemen set themselves in array at the
 8 gate. And he took away the covering of Judah;
 and thou didst look in that day to the armour
 9 in the house of the forest. And ye saw the
 breaches of the city of David, that they were
 many: and ye gathered together the waters of
 10 the lower pool. And ye numbered the houses
 of Jerusalem, and ye brake down the houses to
 11 fortify the wall. Ye made also a reservoir be-

² Or, without
 the bow

³ Or, which
 had fled from
 far

⁴ Or, hasten

⁵ Or,
 mountain

⁶ Or, troops

¹ Or, *the maker thereof*

tween the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye looked not unto ¹him that had done this, neither had ye respect unto him that fashioned it long ago. And in that day did the ¹² Lord, the LORD of hosts, call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: and behold, joy and gladness, slaying ¹³ oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we shall die. And the LORD of hosts revealed ¹⁴ himself in mine ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be ²purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

² Or, *expiated by*

³ Or, *steward*

Thus saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, Go, ¹⁵ get thee unto this ³treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, *and say*, What doest ¹⁶ thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre? hewing him out a sepulchre on high, gravating an habitation for himself in the rock! Behold, the LORD ¹⁷ will hurl thee away violently ⁴as a *strong* man; yea, he will ⁵wrap thee up closely. He will ¹⁸ surely ⁶turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country; there shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, thou shame of thy lord's house. And I will thrust thee from thine ¹⁹ office, and from thy station shall he pull thee down. And it shall come to pass in that day, ²⁰ that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkihah: and I will clothe him with thy robe, ²¹ and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the ²² house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will ²³ fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he

⁴ Or, *O thou strong man*

⁵ Or, *lay fast hold on thee*

⁶ Or, *wind thee round and round like a ball* and toss thee

shall be for a throne of glory to his father's
 24 house. And they shall hang upon him all the
 glory of his father's house, the offspring and
 the issue, every small vessel, from the vessels
 25 of cups even to all the vessels of flagons. In
 that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail
 that was fastened in a sure place give way;
 and it shall be hewn down, and fall, and the
 burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for
 the LORD hath spoken it.

23 1 The ¹burden of Tyre.

¹ Or, *oracle concerning*

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste,
 so that there is no house, no entering in: from
 2 the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. Be
 still, ye inhabitants of the ²isle; thou whom the
 merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have
 3 replenished. And on great waters the seed of
 Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue;
 4 and she was the mart of nations. Be thou
 ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken,
 the strong hold of the sea, saying, I have not
 travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I
 nourished young men, nor brought up virgins.
 5 ³When the report cometh to Egypt, they shall
 6 be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. Pass
 ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the
 7 ²isle. Is this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity
 is ⁴of ancient days, whose feet carried her afar
 8 off to sojourn? Who hath purposed this against
 Tyre, ⁵the crowning *city*, whose merchants are
 princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of
 9 the earth? The LORD of hosts hath purposed
 it, to ⁶stain the pride of all glory, to bring into
 10 contempt all the honourable of the earth. ⁷Pass
 through thy land as the Nile, O daughter of
 Tarshish; there is no girdle *about thee* any
 11 more. He hath stretched out his hand over
 the sea, he hath shaken the kingdoms: the

² Or, *coastland*

³ Or, *As at the report concerning Egypt, so &c.*

⁴ Or, *of ancient days? her own feet shall carry &c.*

⁵ Or, *that giveth crowns*

⁶ Heb. *profane.*

⁷ Or, *Overflow*

LORD hath given commandment concerning
¹ Or, *the merchant* ¹ Canaan, to destroy the strong holds thereof. And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O ¹² thou oppressed virgin daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Kittim; even there shalt thou have no rest. Behold, the land of the Chal- ¹³ deans; this people ² is no more; the Assyrian ³ hath appointed it for ⁴ the beasts of the wilderness: they set up ⁵ their towers, they ⁶ overthrew the palaces thereof; he made it a ruin. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strong ¹⁴ hold is laid waste. And it shall come to ¹⁵ pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years ⁷ it shall be unto Tyre as in the song of the harlot. Take ¹⁶ an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. And ¹⁷ it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. And her merchandise and her ¹⁸ hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, ⁸ Or, *stately* to eat sufficiently, and for ⁸ durable clothing.

⁹ Or, *land*
and so in
vv. 3, 4, &c.

Behold, the LORD maketh the ⁹ earth empty, **I 24**
 and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside
 down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants
 thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, ²
 so with the priest; as with the servant, so with
 his master; as with the maid, so with her mis-
 tress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as
 with the lender, so with the borrower; as with
 the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury
 to him. The earth shall be utterly emptied, ³

- and. utterly spoiled; for the LORD hath spoken
 4 this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth
 away, the world languisheth and fadeth away,
 1 the lofty people of the earth do languish. ^{1 Or, the high ones of the people}
 5 The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants
 thereof; because they have transgressed the
 laws, changed the ordinance, broken the ever-
 6 lasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse
 devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein
 are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of
 7 the earth are burned, and few men left. The
 new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all
 8 the merryhearted do sigh. The mirth of tabrets
 ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth,
 9 the joy of the harp ceaseth. They shall not
 drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be
 10 bitter to them that drink it. The city of ²con-
 fusion is broken down: every house is shut up,
 11 that no man may come in. There is a crying
 in the streets because of the wine; all joy is
 12 darkened, the mirth of the land is ³gone. In
 the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten
 13 with destruction. For thus shall it be in the
 midst of the earth among the peoples, as the
 4 shaking of an olive tree, as the grape gleanings ^{4 Heb. beating.}
 14 when the vintage is done. These shall lift up
 their voice, they shall shout; for the majesty of
 15 the LORD they cry aloud from the sea. Where-
 fore glorify ye the LORD in the ⁵east, even the
 name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the
 6 isles of the sea. ^{5 Or, lights Or, fires}
 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have
 we heard songs, glory to the righteous. But I
 said, ^{6 Or, coastlands} 'I pine away, I pine away, woe is me! the
 treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously;
 yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very
 17 treacherously. Fear, and the pit, and the snare,
 18 are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And
^{7 Heb. Leanness to me.}

it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken, ¹⁹ the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall stagger like a ²⁰ drunken man, and shall be moved to and fro like a hut; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that ²¹ the LORD shall ¹punish the host of the ²high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, ²² as prisoners are gathered in the ³pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be ⁴visited. Then the moon shall be ²³ confounded, and the sun ashamed; for the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and ⁵before his ⁶ancients gloriously.

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt ¹ **25** thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, *even* counsels of old, in faithfulness *and* truth. For thou hast made of a ² city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people ³ glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For thou hast been a strong hold to ⁴ the poor, a strong hold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. As the heat in a ⁵ dry place shalt thou bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones shall be brought

¹ Heb. *visit upon.*

² Heb. *height.*

³ Or, *dungeon*

⁴ Or, *punished*

⁵ Or, *before his ancients shall be glory*

⁶ Or, *elders*

6 low. And in this mountain shall the LORD of
 hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things,
 a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of
 7 marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And
 he will ¹destroy in this mountain the face of
 the covering that is cast over all peoples, and
 8 the veil that is spread over all nations. He
 hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord
 GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces;
 and the reproach of his people shall he take
 away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath
 spoken it.

¹ Heb. *swallow up*.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is
 our God; we have waited for him, and he will
 save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for
 him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD
 rest, and Moab shall be trodden down in his
 place, even as straw is trodden down ²in the

² Another reading is, *in the dunghill*.

11 water of the dunghill. And he shall spread
 forth his hands in the midst ³thereof, as he that
 swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim:

³ Or, *of them*

‘and he shall lay low ⁵his pride ⁶together with
 12 the craft of ⁵his hands. And the fortress of the
 high fort of thy walls ⁷hath he brought down,
 laid low, and brought to the ground, even to
 the dust.

⁴ Or, *but*

⁵ Or, *their*

⁶ Or, *for all the craft*

⁷ Or, *shall he bring down, lay low, and bring &c.*

26 ¹ In that day shall this song be sung in the
 land of Judah: We have a strong city; salva-
 tion will he appoint for walls and bulwarks.

⁸ Or, *A steady mind thou keepest in perfect peace, because it &c.*

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation

3 which keepeth truth may enter in. ⁸Thou wilt
 keep *him* ⁹in perfect peace, *whose* ¹⁰mind is
 stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

⁹ Heb. *peace, peace.*

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in ¹¹the

¹⁰ Or, *imagination*

5 LORD JEHOVAH is ¹²an everlasting rock. For
 he hath brought down them that dwell on high,
 the lofty city: he layeth it low, he layeth it low

¹¹ Heb. *Jehovah.*

See ch. xii. 2.

¹² Or, *a rock of ages*

even to the ground ; he bringeth it even to the dust. The foot shall tread it down ; even the feet 6 of the poor, and the steps of the needy. The 7 way of the just is ¹uprightness : thou that art upright dost ²direct the path of the just. Yea, 8 in the way of thy judgements, O LORD, have we waited for thee ; to thy name and to thy memorial is the desire of our soul. With my soul 9 have I desired thee in the night ; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee ³early : for when thy judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. Let 10 favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness ; in the land of uprightness will he deal wrongfully, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

LORD, thy hand is lifted up, yet they see not : 11 but they shall see ⁴thy zeal for the people, and be ashamed ; yea, ⁵fire shall devour thine adversaries. LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us : 12 for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have 13 had dominion over us ; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. ⁶They are dead, 14 they shall not live ; *they are* ⁷deceased, they shall not rise : therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. Thou hast increased the nation, O 15 LORD, thou hast increased the nation ; thou art glorified : ⁸thou hast enlarged all the borders of the land.

LORD, in trouble have they ⁹visited thee, they 16 poured out a ¹⁰prayer *when* thy chastening was upon them. Like as a woman with child, that 17 draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain and crieth out in her pangs ; so have we been ¹¹before thee, O LORD. We have been with 18 child, we have been in pain, we have as it were

¹ Or, *a right way ; the path of the just thou directest aright*

² Or, *level*

³ Or, *diligently*

⁴ Or, *and be ashamed, in their envy at the people*

⁵ Or, *the fire of thine adversaries shall devour them*

⁶ Or, *The dead live not, the deceased rise not*

⁷ Or, *shades*
Heb.
Rephaim.

⁸ Or, *thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth*

⁹ Or, *looked for*

¹⁰ Heb.
whisper.

¹¹ Or, *at thy presence*

brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; ¹neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. Thy dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is *as* the dew of ²herbs, and the earth shall cast forth ³the dead.

¹ Or, *neither have inhabitants of the world been born*

² Or, *light*

³ Or, *the shades*
Heb.

Rephaim

²⁰ Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be ²¹overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

27 ¹ In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the ⁴swift serpent, and leviathan the ⁵crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

⁴ Or, *gliding*
Or, *fleeing*

⁵ Or, *winding*

² In that day: ⁶A vineyard of wine, sing ye ³unto it. I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it ⁴night and day. Fury is not in me: would that the briers and thorns were against me in battle!

⁶ Or, *according to some ancient authorities, A pleasant vineyard*

⁷ Or, *of*

I would march upon them, I would burn them ⁵together. Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; ⁶yea, let him make peace with me. ⁸In days to come shall Jacob take root; Israel shall blossom and bud: and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.

⁸ Or, *In the generations that come*

⁷ Hath he smitten him as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the ⁸slaughter ⁹of them that were slain by him? ¹⁰In measure, ¹¹when thou sendest her away, thou dost contend with her; he hath removed *her* with his rough blast in the day of the east wind.

⁹ Or, *of their slain*

¹⁰ The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain.

¹¹ Or, *by sending her away*

Therefore by this shall the iniquity of Jacob be ⁹
¹ Or, *expiated* ¹ purged, and this is all the fruit ² of taking away
² Or, *to take* his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the
away altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder,
³ See ch. *so that* the ³ Asherim and the sun-images shall
 xvii. 8. rise no more. For the defenced city is solitary, ¹⁰
 an habitation deserted and forsaken, like the
 wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there
 shall he lie down, and consume the branches
 thereof. When the boughs thereof are withered, ¹¹
 they shall be broken off; the women shall
 come, and set them on fire: for it is a people
 of no understanding; therefore he that made
 them will not have compassion upon them,
 and he that formed them will shew them no
 favour.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that ¹²
⁴ Or, *beat out* the LORD shall ⁴ beat off *his fruit*, from the flood
his corn of the River unto the brook of Egypt, and ye
⁵ Or, *gleaned* shall be ⁵ gathered ⁶ one by one, O ye children of
⁶ Or, *one to* Israel.
another

And it shall come to pass in that day, that ¹³
⁷ Or, *lost* a great trumpet shall be blown; and they shall
 come which were ⁷ ready to perish in the land of
 Assyria, and they that were outcasts in the land
 of Egypt; and they shall worship the LORD in
 the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards ¹ **28**
 of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glori-
 ous beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley
⁸ Heb. *smitten* of them that are ⁸ overcome with wine! Behold, ²
down. the Lord hath a mighty and strong one; as a
 tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tem-
 pest of mighty waters overflowing, shall he cast
⁹ Or, *with* down to the earth ⁹ with the hand. The crown ³
violence of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be
 trodden under foot: and the fading flower of ⁴
 his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the

- fat valley, shall be as the firstripe fig before the summer ; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.
- 5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto
6 the residue of his people : and for a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn back the battle
7 ¹at the gate. But these also ²have erred through wine, and through strong drink ³are gone astray ; the priest and the prophet ²have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are gone astray through strong drink ; they
8 ²err in vision, they stumble in judgement. For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that*
9 *there is no place clean.* 'Whom will he teach knowledge ? and whom will he make to understand the ⁵message ? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts ?
10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept ; ⁶line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, there a little. ⁷Nay, but by *men of* strange lips and with another tongue will he speak to this
12 people : to whom he said, This is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary ; and this is the
13 refreshing : yet they would not hear. Therefore shall the word of the LORD be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept ; line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, there a little ; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.
- 14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in
15 Jerusalem : Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with ⁸hell are we at agreement ; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us ; for we have made lies our refuge, and under

¹ Or, *to*² Or, *reel*³ Or, *stagger*⁴ Or, *Whom shall he teach ...and whom shall he make ...breasts. For &c.*⁵ Or, *report*⁶ Or, *rule*⁷ Or, *For with stammering lips*⁸ Heb. *Sheol*.

¹ Or, *have laid*

falsehood have we hid ourselves: therefore thus ¹⁶
saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I ¹lay in Zion for
a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious
corner *stone* of sure foundation: he that believeth
shall not make haste. And I will make judge- ¹⁷
ment the line, and righteousness the plummet:
and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
And your covenant with death shall be dis- ¹⁸
annulled, and your agreement with ²hell shall
not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall
pass through, then ye shall be trodden down
by it. As often as it passeth through, it shall ¹⁹
take you; for morning by morning shall it pass
through, by day and by night: and it shall be
nought but terror to understand the ³message.
For the bed is shorter than that a man can ²⁰
stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower
than that he can wrap himself in it. For the ²¹
LORD shall rise up as in ⁴mount Perazim, he shall
be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon; that he
may do his work, his strange work, and bring
to pass his act, his strange act. Now therefore ²²
be ye not scorers, lest your bands be made
strong: for a consummation, and that determ-
ined, have I heard from the Lord, the LORD
of hosts, upon the whole ⁵earth.

⁵ Or, *land*

Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, ²³
and hear my speech. Doth the plowman plow ²⁴
continually to sow? doth he *continually* open
and break the clods of his ground? When he ²⁵
hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not
cast abroad the ⁶fitches, and scatter the cummin,
and put in the wheat in rows and the barley in
the appointed place and the spelt in the border
thereof? ⁷For his God doth instruct him aright, ²⁶
and doth teach him. For the fitches are not ²⁷
threshed with a sharp *threshing* instrument,

⁶ Or, *black cummin (Nigella sativa)*

⁷ Or, *And he traineth each of them aright; his God doth teach him*

neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with
 28 a staff, and the cummin with a rod. ¹Bread
 corn is ground; for he will not ever be thresh-
 ing it: and though the wheel of his cart and
 29 his horses scatter it, he doth not grind it. This
 also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts,
 which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in
²wisdom.

¹ Or, *Is bread
corn crushed?*
*Nay, he will
not ever be
threshing it,
and driving
his cart wheels
and his horses
over it; he
doth not
crush it*

29 ¹ ³Ho ⁴Ariel, Ariel, the city where David en-
 camped! add ye year to year; let the feasts
 2 come round: then will I distress Ariel, and
 there shall be mourning and lamentation: ⁵and
 3 she shall be unto me as Ariel. And I will
 camp against thee round about, and will lay
 siege against thee with a fort, and I will raise
 4 siege works against thee. And thou shalt be
 brought down, and shalt speak out of the
 ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the
 dust; and thy voice shall be as of one that hath
 a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy
 5 speech shall ⁶whisper out of the dust. But
 the multitude of thy ⁷foes shall be like small
 dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones
 as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at
 6 an instant suddenly. ⁸She shall be visited of
 the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with
 earthquake, and great noise, with whirlwind
 and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire.
 7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight
 against Ariel, even all that fight against her and
 her strong hold, and that distress her, shall be
 8 as a dream, a vision of the night. And it shall
 be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, be-
 hold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul
 is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth,
 and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and,
 behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite:

² Or, *effectual
working*

³ Or, *Woe to*
⁴ That is, *The
lion of God*
 or, *The hearth
of God.*

⁵ Or, *yet*

⁶ Or, *chirp*

⁷ Heb.
strangers.

⁸ Or, *There
shall be a visit-
ation from the
LORD &c.*

so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

¹ Or, *Be ye amazed*

² Or, *blind yourselves and be blind*

³ Or, *your eyes; the prophets, and &c.*

⁴ Or, *writing*

⁵ Heb. *knoweth writing (or letters).*

¹Tarry ye and wonder; ²take your pleasure ⁹and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the LORD hath poured out upon you the ¹⁰spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed ³your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, hath he covered. And all vision is become unto ¹¹you as the words of a ⁴book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that ⁵is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed: and the book is de- ¹²livered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this ¹³people draw nigh *unto me*, and with their mouth and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which hath been ⁶taught *them*: therefore, behold, I will ¹⁴⁷proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

⁶ Or, *learned by rote*

⁷ Or, *again do*
Heb. *add to do.*

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide ¹⁵their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? ¹⁶⁸Ye turn things upside down! Shall the potter be counted as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing framed say of him that framed it, He hath no understanding? Is it not yet a very little while, and ¹⁷Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be counted for a forest? And in that day shall the deaf hear ¹⁸

⁸ Or, *O your perversity!*

the words of ¹ the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of
 19 darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall
 20 rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner ceaseth, and all they that watch for
 21 iniquity are cut off: that ² make a man an offender in a cause, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside
 22 the just with a thing of nought. Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face
 23 now wax pale. ³ But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name; yea, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and
 24 shall stand in awe of the God of Israel. They also that err in spirit ⁴ shall come to understanding, and they that murmur shall learn
⁵ doctrine.

¹ Or, a book or writing

² Or, make men to offend by their words

³ Or, But when his children see &c.

⁴ Heb. shall know understanding.

⁵ Or, instruction

30 ¹ Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that ⁶ cover with a covering, but not of my
 2 spirit, that they may add sin to sin: that walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to ⁷ strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the
 3 shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in
 4 the shadow of Egypt your confusion. For his princes are at Zoan, and his ambassadors are
 5 come to Hanes. They shall all be ashamed of a people that cannot profit them, that are not an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

⁶ Or, weave a web
 Or, pour out a drink offering
 Or, make a league

⁷ Or, flee to the strong hold of Pharaoh

¹ Or, *oracle concerning*

The ¹burden of the beasts of the South. 6

² Or, *cried concerning this, They are but arrogancy: be still*

³ Or, *according to some ancient authorities, for a witness for ever*

⁴ Or, *teaching*

Through the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit *them*. For Egypt ⁷ helpeth in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I ²called her Rahab that sitteth still. Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and ⁸ inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come ³for ever and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the ⁴law of the LORD: which say to ¹⁰ the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: get you out ¹¹ of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, ¹² Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon; therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a ¹³ breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is ¹⁴ broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing; so that there shall not be found among the pieces thereof a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the cistern. For thus said the Lord God, the Holy ¹⁵ One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. But ye ¹⁶ said, No, for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; ¹⁷

- at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left
 as ¹a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and ²Or, a mark
 18 as an ensign on an hill. And therefore will the
 LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you,
 and therefore will he be exalted, that he may
 have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God
 of judgement; blessed are all they that wait for
 him.
- 19 For ²the people shall dwell in Zion at ²Or, O people
 Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more; he will *that dwellest*
 surely be gracious unto thee at the voice of *in Zion at*
 thy cry; when he shall hear, he will answer *Jerusalem*
- 20 thee. ³And though the Lord give you the ³Or, And the
 bread of adversity and the water of affliction, *Lord will give*
 yet shall not thy ⁴teachers ⁵be hidden any more, *...and thy*
 21 but thine eyes shall see thy ⁴teachers: and *teachers shall*
 thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, *not &c.*
 saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when ⁴Or, teacher
 ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn ⁵Or, hide
 22 to the left. And ye shall defile the over- *themselves*
 laying of thy graven images of silver, and the
 plating of thy molten images of gold: thou
 shalt ⁶cast them away as an ⁷unclean thing; ⁶Heb. scatter.
- 23 thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence. And ⁷Heb.
 he shall give the rain of thy seed, that thou *menstruous.*
 shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of
 the increase of the ground, and it shall be
 fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle
 24 feed in large pastures. The oxen likewise
 and the young asses that till the ground shall
 eat ⁸savoury provender, which hath been win- ⁸Heb. salted.
 nowed with the shovel and with the fan.
- 25 And there shall be upon every lofty mount-
 ain, and upon every high hill, rivers *and*
 streams of waters, in the day of the great
 26 slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover
 the light of the moon shall be as the light of
 the sun, and the light of the sun shall be

sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Behold, the name of the LORD cometh ²⁷ from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire: and his ²⁸ breath is as an overflowing stream, that reacheth even unto the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of ¹vanity: and a bridle that causeth to err *shall be* in the jaws of the peoples. Ye shall have a song as in the ²⁹ night ²when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel. And the LORD shall ³⁰ cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with ³a blast, and tempest, and hailstones. For through the voice of the LORD ³¹ shall the Assyrian be broken in pieces, ⁴which smote with a rod. And every ⁵stroke of the ³² ⁶appointed staff, which the LORD shall lay upon him, shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with them. For ⁷a Topheth is prepared of old; yea, ³³ for the king it is made ready; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

¹ Or, *destruction*

² Or, *when a feast is hallowed*

³ Or, *crashing*

⁴ Or, *with his rod shall he smite him*

⁵ Heb. *passing*.

⁶ Or, *staff of doom* (Heb. *foundation*)

⁷ See 2 Kings xxiii. 10, Jer. vii. 31.

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for ¹ **31** help, and stay on horses; and trust in chariots, because they are many, and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the

- 2 LORD! Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evil-doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.
 3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit: and when the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is holpen shall fall, and they all shall fail together.
 4 For thus saith the LORD unto me, Like as when the lion growleth and the young lion over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him, he will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight ¹upon mount Zion, and ¹upon the hill thereof. ¹ Or, *against*
 5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts protect Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver *it*, he will pass over and preserve *it*.
 6 Turn ye unto him ²from whom ³ye have deeply ² Or, *from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted*
 7 revolted, O children of Israel. For in that day they shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own ³ Heb. *they*,
 8 hands have made unto you for a sin. Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of men, shall devour him: and he shall flee from the sword, and
 9 his young men shall become tributary. And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror, and his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

- 32 ¹ Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,
 2 and princes shall rule in judgement. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a

¹ Or, *closed*² Heb. *hasty*.³ Or, *fool*
See 1 Sam.
xxv. 25.⁴ Or, *noble*⁵ Or, *crafty*⁶ Or, *folly*⁷ Or, *poor*⁸ Or, *by*
liberal things
shall he stand

weary land. And the eyes of them that see ³ shall not be ¹dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the ²rash ⁴ shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. The ³vile person shall be no more called ⁴liberal, ⁵ nor the ⁵churl said to be bountiful. For the ⁶ ³vile person will speak ⁶villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise profaneness, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also ⁷ of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the ⁷meek with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. But the ⁸ liberal deviseth liberal things; and ⁸in liberal things shall he continue.

⁹ Heb.
confident.¹⁰ Or, *After*
a year and
*days*Heb. *Days*
above a year.¹¹ Or, *put a*
*girdle upon*¹² Or, *Ophel*

Rise up, ye women that are at ease, *and* hear ⁹ my voice; ye ⁹careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. ¹⁰For days beyond a year shall ye ¹⁰ be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come. Trem- ¹¹ ble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and ¹¹gird *sackcloth* upon your loins. They shall ¹² smite upon the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. Upon the land of my ¹³ people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: for the palace shall be forsaken; the populous ¹⁴ city shall be deserted; ¹²the hill and the watch-tower shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; until the spirit be ¹⁵ poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgement shall ¹⁶ dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall

- 17 abide in the fruitful field. And the work of
 righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of
 righteousness quietness and confidence for ever.
 18 And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation,
 and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting
 19 places. But it shall hail, in the downfall of
 the forest; and the city shall be utterly laid low.
 20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that
 send forth the feet of the ox and the ass.

- 33 1 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not
 spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they
 dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou
 hast ceased to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and
 when thou hast made an end to deal treacherously,
 they shall deal treacherously with thee.
 2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited
 for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our
 3 salvation also in the time of trouble. At the
 noise of the tumult the peoples are fled; at the
 lifting up of thyself the nations are scattered.
 4 And your spoil shall be gathered as the caterpillar
 gathereth: as locusts leap shall they leap
 5 upon it. The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth
 on high: he hath filled Zion with judgement and
 6 righteousness. ¹And there shall be stability in
 thy times, abundance of salvation, wisdom and
 knowledge: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.
 7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without: the
 8 ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. The high
 ways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth:
 he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised
 9 the cities, he regardeth not man. The land
 mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed
 and withereth away: Sharon is like ²a desert;
 and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their leaves*.
 10 Now will I arise, saith the LORD; now will I
 11 lift up myself; now will I be exalted. Ye shall

¹ Or, *And abundance of salvation wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times*

² Or, *the Arabah*

conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. And the peoples shall be as the burnings of ¹² lime: as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.

Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; ¹³ and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling hath ¹⁴ surprised the godless ones. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He ¹⁵ that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of ¹oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil; he ¹⁶ shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: his bread shall be given *him*; his waters shall be sure. Thine ¹⁷ eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold ²a far stretching land. Thine heart ¹⁸ shall muse on the terror: where is ³he that counted, where is he that weighed *the tribute*? where is he that counted the towers? Thou ¹⁹

¹ Or, *fraud*

² Or, *a land that is very far off*

Heb. *a land of far distances.*

³ Or, *the scribe*

⁴ Or, *stammering*

⁵ Or, *set feasts*

⁶ Or, *but in the place... streams there shall go &c.*

shalt not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that thou canst not perceive; of a ⁴strange tongue that thou canst not understand. Look upon Zion, the city of our ⁵solemnities: ²⁰ thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, the stakes whereof shall never be plucked up, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But ²¹ there the LORD will be with us in majesty, ⁶a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the LORD is our ²² judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. Thy tacklings are ²³

loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then was the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame
 24 took the prey. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

34 1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken. ye peoples: let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world, and all things that come forth
 2 of it. For the LORD hath indignation against all the nations, and fury against all their host: he hath ¹utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered ¹ Heb. *devoted*.
 3 them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stink of their carcasses shall come up, and the mountains shall be melted
 4 with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall ²be dissolved, and the heavens shall be ² Or, *moulder away*
 rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading *leaf* from the fig tree.
 5 For my sword hath drunk its fill in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon
 6 the people of my ³curse, to judgement. The ³ Heb. *devoting*, or, *ban*.
 sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a
 7 great slaughter in the land of Edom. And the wild-oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be drunken with blood, and their dust made fat
 8 with fatness. For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year of recompence in the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into
 9 brimstone, and the land thereof shall become
 10 burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night

nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. But the pelican and the porcupine ¹¹ shall possess it; and the ¹⁰owl and the raven shall dwell therein: and he shall stretch over it the line of confusion, and the ²plummet of emptiness. ³They shall call the nobles thereof ¹² to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all her princes shall be nothing. And thorns ¹³ shall come up in her palaces, nettles and thistles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches. And ¹⁴ the wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the ⁴wolves, and the ⁵satyr shall cry to his fellow; yea, ⁶the night-monster shall settle there, and shall find her a place of rest. There shall the ¹⁵ arrowsnake make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: yea, there shall the kites be gathered, every one with her mate. Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: ¹⁶ no one of these shall be missing, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. And he hath cast the lot for them, and his ¹⁷ hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

⁷ Or, *parched land*

⁸ Or, *autumn crocus*
See Cant. ii. 1.

⁹ Or, *tottering*

¹⁰ Heb. *hasty*.

¹¹ Or, *behold, your God! vengeance will come, even the recompence of God*

The wilderness and the ⁷solitary place shall ¹ **35** be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the ⁸rose. It shall blossom abundantly, ² and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm ³ the ⁹feeble knees. Say to them that are of a ⁴ ¹⁰fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: ¹¹behold, your

God will come *with* vengeance, *with* the recompence of God; he will come and save you.
 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and
 6 the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in
 7 the desert. And the ¹glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they
 8 lay, shall be ²grass with reeds and rushes. And an high way shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; ³but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err *there-*
 9 *in*. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon, they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:
 10 and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¹ Or, *mirage*

² Or, *a court for reeds &c.*
 See ch. xxxiv. 13.

³ Or, *for he shall be with them &c.*
 Or, *and he shall walk in the way for them, and* *fools &c.*

36 1 ⁴Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that ⁵Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities
 2 of Judah, and took them. And the king of Assyria sent ⁶Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool
 3 in the high way of the fuller's field. Then came forth unto him Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the
 7scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the ⁸re-
 4 corder. And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this

⁴ See 2 Kings xviii. 13, 17, &c.

⁵ Heb. *Sanherib*.

⁶ The title of an Assyrian officer.

⁷ Or, *secretary*

⁸ Or, *chronicler*

wherein thou trustest? I say, *thy* counsel and 5
 strength for the war are but vain words: now
 on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled
 against me? Behold, thou trustest upon the 6
 staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt;
 whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand,
 and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to
 all that trust on him. But if thou say unto me, 7
 We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he,
 whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah
 hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to
 Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?
 Now therefore, I pray thee, ¹give pledges to 8
 my master the king of Assyria, and I will give
 thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on
 thy part to set riders upon them. How then 9
 canst thou turn away the face of one captain of
 the least of my master's servants, and put thy
 trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
 And am I now come up without the LORD 10
 against this land to destroy it? The LORD said
 unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.
 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto 11
 Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy serv-
 ants in the ²Syrian language; for we understand
 it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language,
 in the ears of the people that are on the wall.
 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to 12
 thy master, and to thee, to speak these words?
hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the
 wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their
 own water with you? Then Rabshakeh stood, 13
 and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' lan-
 guage, and said, Hear ye the words of the great
 king, the king of Assyria. Thus saith the king, 14
 Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not
 be able to deliver you: neither let Hezekiah 15
 make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD

¹ Or, *make a
 wager with*

² Heb.
Aramean.

will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, ¹Make your peace with me, ¹Heb. *Make with me a blessing.* and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink

17 ye every one the waters of his own cistern: until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have

20 they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who are they among all the gods of these countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem

21 out of my hand? But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

37 ¹ ²And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house ² See 2 Kings xix.

2 of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth,

3 unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring

¹ Or, *where-
with the king
of Assyria...
hath sent him*

forth. It may be the LORD thy God will ⁴
hear the words of Rabshakeh, ¹whom the king
of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach
the living God, and will rebuke the words
which the LORD thy God hath heard: where-
fore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is
left. So the servants of king Hezekiah came ⁵
to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, Thus ⁶
shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the
LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou
hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king
of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I ⁷
will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a
rumour, and shall return unto his own land;
and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his
own land.

So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king ⁸
of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had
heard that he was departed from Lachish. And ⁹
he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethi-
opia, He is come out to fight against thee. And
when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezek-
iah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah ¹⁰
king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom
thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem
shall not be given into the hand of the king of
Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings ¹¹
of Assyria have done to all lands, by ²destroying
them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? Have ¹²
the gods of the nations delivered them, which
my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran,
and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which
were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, ¹³
and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of
Sepharvaim, of Hena, and ³Ivvah? And Hez- ¹⁴
ekiah received the letter from the hand of the
messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up
unto the house of the LORD, and spread it be-

² Heb.
devoting them.

³ In 2 Kings
xvii. 24, *Avva.*

- 15 fore the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed unto
 16 the LORD, saying, O LORD of hosts, the God
 of Israel, that ¹sittest upon the cherubim, thou ¹Or, *dwellst*
 art the God, even thou alone, of all the king- *between*
 doms of the earth; thou hast made heaven
 17 and earth. Incline thine ear, O LORD, and
 hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and
 hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath
 18 sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth,
 LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste
 19 all the countries, and their land, and have
 cast their gods into the fire: for they were
 no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood
 and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.
 20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us
 from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the
 earth may know that thou art the LORD, even
 thou only.
 21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto
 Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the
 God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to
 22 me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, this
 is the word which the LORD hath spoken con-
 cerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion hath
 despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the
 daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head ²at ²Heb. *after*.
 23 thee. Whom hast thou reproached and blas-
 phemed? and against whom hast thou exalted
 thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high?
 24 *even* against the Holy One of Israel. By thy
 servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and
 hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am
 I come up to the height of the mountains, to
 the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut
 down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice ³fir ³Or, *cypress*
 trees thereof: and I will enter into his farthest
 25 height, the forest of his fruitful field. I have
 digged and drunk water, and with the sole of

¹ Or, *defence*
Heb. *Mazor*.
See ch. xix. 6.

my feet will I dry up all the rivers of ¹ Egypt. Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as ²a field of corn before it be grown up. But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me. Because of thy raging against me, and for that ³thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. And ⁴the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion they that shall escape: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast a mount against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

² In 2 Kings xix. 26, corn blasted.

³ Or, *thy careless ease*

⁴ Heb. *the escaped of the house of Judah that remain.*

And the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred

and fourscore and five thousand : and when men arose early in the morning, behold, they were
 37 all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and
 38 dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword : and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

- 38 1 ¹In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. ¹ See 2 Kings xx. 1, &c.
 And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order ; for thou shalt die,
 2 and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face
 3 to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, and said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
 4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah,
 5 saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears : behold,
 6 I will add unto thy days fifteen years. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria : and I will defend
 7 this city. And this shall be the sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do
 8 this thing that he hath spoken : behold, I will cause the shadow on the steps, which is gone down on the ²dial of Ahaz ³with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps ⁴on the dial whereon it was gone down. ² Heb. *steps*.
³ Or, *by*
⁴ Or, *by which steps it &c.*
 9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.

¹ Or,
tranquillity

² Heb. *Sheol*.

³ Heb. *Jah*.

⁴ Or, when I
am *among*
them that have
ceased to be

⁵ Or,
habitation

⁶ Heb. *thrum*.

⁷ Or, *I thought*
until morning,
As a lion, so
will he break
&c.

⁸ Or, *as*
in solemn
procession
See Ps. xlii. 4.

⁹ Or, *So will*
thou recover
me

¹⁰ Heb. *thou*
hast loved my
soul from the
pit.

¹¹ Or,
nothingness

I said, In the ¹noontide of my days I shall ¹⁰
go into the gates of ²the grave :

I am deprived of the residue of my years.

I said, I shall not see ³the LORD, *even* ³the ¹¹
LORD in the land of the living :

I shall behold man no more ⁴with the in-
habitants of the world.

Mine ⁵age is removed, and is carried away ¹²
from me as a shepherd's tent :

I have rolled up like a weaver my life ; he
will cut me off from the ⁶loom :

From day even to night wilt thou make an
end of me.

⁷I quieted *myself* until morning ; as a lion, so ¹³
he breaketh all my bones :

From day even to night wilt thou make an
end of me.

Like a swallow *or* a crane, so did I chatter ; ¹⁴
I did mourn as a dove : mine eyes fail *with*
looking upward ;

O LORD, I am oppressed, be thou my surety.

What shall I say ? he hath both spoken unto ¹⁵
me, and himself hath done it :

I shall go ⁸softly all my years because of the
bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things men live, ¹⁶

And wholly therein is the life of my spirit :

⁹Wherefore recover thou me, and make me
to live.

Behold, *it was* for my peace *that* I had great ¹⁷
bitterness :

But ¹⁰thou hast in love to my soul delivered
it from the pit of ¹¹corruption ;

For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For ²the grave cannot praise thee, death ¹⁸
cannot celebrate thee :

They that go down into the pit cannot hope
for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee,
as I do this day :
The father to the children shall make known
thy truth.

20 The LORD is *ready* to save me :
Therefore we will sing my songs to the
stringed instruments
All the days of our life in the house of the
LORD.

21 ¹Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake ¹ See 2 Kings
of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, xx. 7, 8.
22 and he shall recover. Hezekiah also had said,
What is the sign that I shall go up to the house
of the LORD ?

39 ¹At that time Merodach-baladan the son ² See 2 Kings
of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a xx. 12, &c.
present to Hezekiah : for he heard that he had
2 been sick, and was recovered. And Hezekiah
was glad of them, and shewed them the house
of his ³precious things, the silver, and the gold, ³ Or, *spicery*
and the spices, and the precious oil, and all the
house of his ⁴armour, and all that was found in ⁴ Or, *jewels*
his treasures : there was nothing in his house,
nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed
3 them not. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto
king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said
these men ? and from whence came they unto
thee ? And Hezekiah said, They are come
from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.
4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine
house ? And Hezekiah answered, All that is
in mine house have they seen : there is nothing
among my treasures that I have not shewed
5 them. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear
6 the word of the LORD of hosts. Behold, the
days come, that all that is in thine house, and
that which thy fathers have laid up in store
until this day, shall be carried to Babylon :

nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, 8 Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith **1 40**
your God. Speak ye ¹comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her ²warfare is accomplished, that her ³iniquity is pardoned; that she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

¹ Heb. *to the heart of.*

² Or, *time of service*

³ Or, *punishment is accepted*

See Lev. xxvi.

43.

⁴ Or, *that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way &c.*

⁵ Or, *level*

⁶ Or, *the uneven shall be made level*

⁷ Or, *a plain*

⁸ The Sept. and Vulgate have, *I said.*

The voice of one ⁴that crieth, Prepare ye **3**
in the wilderness the way of the LORD, make ⁵straight in the desert a high way for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and ⁶the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places ⁷plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be **5**
revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The **6**
voice of one saying, Cry. And ⁸one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because **7**
the breath of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the **8**
flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

⁹ Or, *O Zion, that bringest good tidings*

¹⁰ Or, *O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings*

⁹O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, **9**
get thee up into the high mountain; ¹⁰O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God! Behold, the Lord God will come **10**

as a mighty one, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his
 11 recompence before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that give suck.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in
 13 scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath

14 ¹directed the spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgement, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of

15 understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, ²he taketh up the
 16 isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof

17 sufficient for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are counted
 18 to him ³less than nothing, and ⁴vanity. To whom then will ye liken God? or what like-

19 ness will ye compare unto him? The graven image, a workman melted *it*, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth *for it*
 20 silver chains. He that is too impoverished for

such an oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to ⁵set up a graven image, that shall not be
 21 moved. Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not ⁶understood from the

22 foundations of the earth? *It is* he that sitteth ⁷upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth

¹ Or, *mete:*
out

² Or, *the isles are as the fine dust that is lifted up*

³ Or, *as a thing of nought*

⁴ Or, *confusion*

⁵ Or, *prepare*

⁶ Or, *understood the foundations*

⁷ Or, *above*

¹ Or, gauze

out the heavens as ¹a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth ²³ princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as ²vanity. ³Yea, they have not ²⁴ been planted; yea, they have not been sown; yea, their stock hath not taken root in the earth: moreover he bloweth upon them, and they wither, and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble. To whom then will ye liken ²⁵ me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, ²⁶ ⁴and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking.

² Or, confusion

³ Or, Scarce are they planted, scarce are they sown, scarce hath their stock taken root in the earth, when he bloweth upon them &c.

⁴ Or, and see: who hath created these? he that &c.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O ²⁷ Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgement is passed away from my God? Hast ²⁸ thou not known? hast thou not heard? ⁵the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding. He ²⁹ giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the ³⁰ youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon ³¹ the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

⁵ Or, the LORD is an everlasting God, the Creator...he fainteth not &c.

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let ¹ **41** the peoples renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgement. Who hath raised ² up one from the east, ⁶whom he calleth in righteousness to his foot? he giveth nations before him, and maketh him rule over kings;

⁶ Or, whom righteousness calleth to its foot

Or, whom righteousness meeteth whithersoever he goeth

1 he giveth them as the dust to his sword, as
 3 the driven stubble to his bow. He pursueth
 them, and passeth on safely; even by a way
 4 that he had not gone with his feet. Who hath
 wrought and done it, calling the generations
 from the beginning? I the LORD, the first,
 5 and with the last, I am he. The isles saw,
 and feared; the ends of the earth trembled:
 6 they drew near, and came. They helped every
 one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his
 7 brother, Be of good courage. So the car-
 penter encouraged the goldsmith, *and* he that
 smootheth with the hammer him that smiteth
 the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good:
 and he fastened it with nails, that it should not
 be moved.

¹ Or, *he*
maketh as the
dust their
sword, as the
driven stubble
their bow

8 / But thou, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I
 have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend;
 9 thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends
 of the earth, and called thee from the corners
 thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my serv-
 ant, I have chosen thee and not cast thee
 10 away; fear thou not, for I am with thee; ²be not
 dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen
 thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold
 thee with the right hand of my righteous-
 11 ness. Behold, all they that are incensed against
 thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they
 that strive with thee shall be as nothing, and
 12 shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt
 not find them, even them that contend with
 thee: they that war against thee shall be as
 13 nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the
 LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying
 14 unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear
 not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel:
 I will help thee, saith the LORD, and ³thy re-
 15 deemer is the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I

² Or, *look not*
around thee

³ Or, *thy re-*
deemer, the
Holy One &c.

will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind ¹⁶ shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. The ¹⁷ poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst; I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare ¹⁸ heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant ¹⁹ in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the ¹oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, the ²pine, and the ³box tree together: that they may see, and know, and ²⁰ consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

¹ Or, *oleaster*² Or, *plane*³ Or, *cypress*

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring ²¹ forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and de- ²² clare unto us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or shew us things for to come. Declare ²³ the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may ⁴be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and ²⁴ your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

⁴ Or, *look one upon another*

I have raised up one from the north, and he ²⁵ is come; from the rising of the sun one that calleth upon my name: and he shall come upon ⁵rulers as upon mortar, and as the potter

⁵ Or, *deputies*

26 treadeth clay. Who hath declared it from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that heareth your
 27 words. *I first will say* unto Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one
 28 that bringeth good tidings. And when I look, there is no man; even among them there is no counsellor, that, when I ask of them, can answer
 29 a word. ¹Behold, all of them, their works are vanity *and* nought: their molten images are wind and confusion.

¹ Or, *Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nought*

42 ¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgement to the ²Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the
 3 street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the ³smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall
 4 bring forth judgement in truth. He shall not ⁴fail nor be ⁵discouraged, till he have set judgement in the earth; and the isles shall wait for
 5 his law. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them forth; he that spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk
 6 therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will
⁶keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the
 7 people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of
 8 the prison house. I am the LORD; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another,
 9 neither my praise unto graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new

² Or, *nations* (and elsewhere)

³ Or, *dimly burning wick*

⁴ Or, *burn dimly*

⁵ Or, *bruised*

⁶ Or, *form*

things do I declare: before they spring forth
I tell you of them.

Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his ¹⁰
praise from the end of the earth; ye that go
down to the sea, and all that is therein, the
isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the ¹¹
wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their*
voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let
¹ See ch. xvi. 1. the inhabitants of ¹Sela sing, let them shout
from the top of the mountains. Let them give ¹²
glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in
the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty ¹³
man; he shall stir up ²jealousy like a man of
war: he shall cry, yea, he shall shout aloud;
he shall do mightily against his enemies. I ¹⁴
have long time holden my peace; I have been
still, and refrained myself: *now* will I cry out
like a travailing woman; I will ³gasp and pant
together. I will make waste mountains and ¹⁵
hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make
the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools.
And I will bring the blind by a way that they ¹⁶
know not; in paths that they know not will I
lead them: I will make darkness light before
them, and crooked places straight. These
things will I do, ⁴and I will not forsake them.
They shall be turned back, they shall be ¹⁷
greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images,
that say unto molten images, Ye are our gods.

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye ¹⁸
may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or ¹⁹
deaf, as my messenger that I send? who is blind
as he that is ⁵at peace *with me*, and blind as
the LORD's servant? Thou seest many things, ²⁰
but thou observest not; his ears are open, but
he heareth not. It pleased the LORD, for his ²¹
righteousness' sake, to ⁶magnify the law, and
make it honourable. But this is a people ²²

² Or, *zeal*

³ Or, *destroy*
and *devour*

⁴ Or, and *will*
not *forbear*

⁵ Or, *made*
perfect
Or,
recompensed

⁶ Or, *make the*
teaching great
and *glorious*

robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil,
 23 and none saith, Restore. Who is there among you that will give ear to this? that will hearken
 24 and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD? he against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they would not walk, neither were they obedient unto his ¹law. ¹ Or, *teaching*
 25 Therefore he poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

43 ¹ But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine.
 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall
 3 the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy saviour; I have given Egypt as thy ransom,
 4 Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou hast been precious in my sight, ²and honourable, and ² Or, *thou hast been honourable &c.*
 5 I have loved thee; therefore will I give men for thee, and peoples for thy life. Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from
 6 the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and
 7 my daughters from the end of the earth; every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory; I have formed
 8 him; yea, I have made him. Bring forth the

¹ Or, *Gather yourselves together, all ye nations*

² Or, *and that they may hear*

³ Or, *from this day forth I &c.*

⁴ Or, *reverse*

⁵ Or, *as otherwise read, all their nobles, even &c.*

⁶ Or, *which... power: They shall lie &c.*

⁷ Or, *a wick*

blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. ¹Let all the nations be gathered ⁹ together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified: ²or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, ¹⁰ saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is ¹¹ no saviour. I have declared, and I have saved, ¹² and I have shewed, and there was no strange *god* among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and I am God. Yea, ³since the ¹³ day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall ⁴let it?

Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the ¹⁴ Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring down ⁵all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing. I am the LORD, your Holy ¹⁵ One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus ¹⁶ saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; ⁶which bring- ¹⁷ eth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched as ⁷flax: Remember ye not the former things, ¹⁸ neither consider the things of old. Behold, I ¹⁹ will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. The beasts of the field shall honour me, the ²⁰ jackals and the ostriches: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to

- 21 give drink to my people, my chosen : the people
 which I formed for myself, ¹that they might set
 22 forth my praise. Yet thou hast not called upon
 me, O Jacob ; but thou hast been weary of me.
 23 O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small
 cattle of thy burnt offerings ; neither hast thou
 honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not
 made thee to serve with ²offerings, nor wearied
 24 thee with frankincense. Thou hast bought me
 no ³sweet cane with money, neither hast thou
 'filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices : but
 thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou
 25 hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even
 I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for
 mine own sake ; and I will not remember thy
 26 sins. Put me in remembrance ; let us plead
 together : set thou forth *thy cause*, that thou
 27 mayest be justified. Thy first father sinned,
 and thine ⁵interpreters have transgressed against
 28 me. Therefore I ⁶will profane the ⁷princes of
 the sanctuary, and I ⁸will make Jacob a ⁹curse.
 44 1 and Israel a reviling. Yet now hear, O Jacob
 my servant ; and Israel, whom I have chosen :
 2 thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed
 thee from the womb, who will help thee : Fear
 not, O Jacob my servant ; and thou, Jeshurun,
 3 whom I have chosen. For I will pour water
 upon ¹⁰him that is thirsty, and streams upon the
 dry ground : I will pour my spirit upon thy
 seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring :
 4 and they shall spring up among the grass, as
 5 willows by the watercourses. One shall say,
 I am the LORD's ; and another shall ¹¹call *him-*
self by the name of Jacob ; and another shall
¹²subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and
¹³surname *himself* by the name of Israel.
 6 Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel,
 and his redeemer the LORD of hosts : I am the

¹ Or, *they shall set forth*

² Or, *a meal offering*

³ Or, *calamus*

⁴ Or, *satiated*

⁵ Or, *ambassadors*

⁶ Or, *have profaned*

⁷ Or, *holy princes*

⁸ Or, *have made*

⁹ Or, *devoted thing*

¹⁰ Or, *the thirsty land*

¹¹ Or, *proclaim the name*

¹² Or, *write on his hand, Unto the LORD*

¹³ Or, *give for a title the name of Israel*

¹ Or, *And who, as I, can proclaim? let him declare it &c.*

² Or, *declare unto them*

³ Or, *confusion*

⁴ Or, *all that join themselves thereto*

⁵ Or, *sharpeneth a tool*

⁶ Or, *red ochre*

⁷ Or, *an ash*

⁸ Or, *the half*

first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. ¹And who, as I, shall call, and shall ⁷ declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them ²declare. Fear ye not, neither be ⁸ afraid: have I not declared unto thee of old, and shewed it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not any. They that fashion a graven ⁹ image are all of them ³vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit: and their own witnesses see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath fashioned a god, or ¹⁰ molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? Behold, ⁴all his fellows shall be ¹¹ ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, they shall be ashamed together. The smith ⁵*maketh* an axe, and worketh ¹² in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with his strong arm: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh no water, and is faint. The carpenter stretcheth ¹³ out a line; he marketh it out with ⁶a pencil; he shapeth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compasses, and shapeth it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, to dwell in the house. He heweth him ¹⁴ down cedars, and taketh the holm tree and the oak, and strengtheneth for himself one among the trees of the forest: he planteth ⁷a fir tree, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be ¹⁵ for a man to burn; and he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread: yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth ⁸part thereof in the ¹⁶

- fire ; with ¹part thereof he eateth flesh ; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied : yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have
 17 seen the fire : and the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image : he falleth down unto it and worshippeth, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me ; for thou art my god.
 18 They know not, neither do they consider : for he hath ²shut their eyes, that they cannot see ; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. ² Heb. *daubed*.
 19 And none calleth to mind, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire ; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof ; I have roasted flesh and eaten it : and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination ? shall I fall down to
 20 the stock of a tree ? He feedeth on ashes : a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand ?
 21 Remember these things, O Jacob ; and Israel, for thou art my servant : I have formed thee ; thou art my servant : O Israel, ³thou shalt
 22 not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins : return unto me ; for I have
 23 redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens, for the LORD hath done it ; shout, ye lower parts of the earth ; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein : for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel.
 24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb : I am the LORD, that maketh all things ; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone ; that spreadeth abroad
 25 the earth ; ⁴who is with me ? that frustrateth the tokens of the ⁵liars, and maketh diviners ³ Some ancient versions have, *thou shouldest not forget me.*
⁴ Another reading is, *by myself.*
⁵ Or, *boasters*

mad ; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish : that confirmeth ²⁶ the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers ; that saith of Jerusalem, She shall be inhabited ; and of the cities of Judah, They shall be built, and I will raise up the waste places thereof : that saith to the deep, ²⁷ Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers : that saith ²⁸ of ¹ Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure : even saying of Jerusalem, She shall be built ; ²and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

¹ Heb. *Corush*.

² Or, *and the foundation of the temple shall be laid*

Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to ¹ **45** Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings ; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut ; I will go ² before thee, and make the rugged places plain : I will break in pieces the doors of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron : and I will give ³ thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I am the LORD, which call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel. For Jacob my servant's ⁴ sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called thee by thy name : I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. I am the LORD, and ⁵ there is none else ; beside me there is no God : I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me : that they may know from the rising of the ⁶ sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me : I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness ; I make ⁷ peace, and create evil ; I am the LORD, that doeth all these things.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and ⁸ let the skies pour down righteousness : let the earth open, that they may ³bring forth salva-

³ Or, *be fruitful in salvation*

tion, and let her cause righteousness to spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

- 9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!
a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth!
Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it,
What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no
10 hands? Woe unto him that saith unto a father,
What begettest thou? or to a woman, With what
11 travailest thou? Thus saith the LORD, the Holy
One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of the
things that are to come; concerning my sons,
and concerning the work of my hands, command
12 ye me. I have made the earth, and created
man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched
out the heavens, and all their host have I com-
13 manded. I have raised him up in righteousness,
and I will make straight all his ways: he shall
build my city, and he shall let my exiles go
free, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD
of hosts.

- 14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt,
and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the
Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto
thee, and they shall be thine; they shall go
after thee; in chains they shall come over: and
they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make
supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God is in
thee; and there is none else, there is no God.
15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God
16 of Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed,
yea, confounded, all of them: they shall go into
17 confusion together that are makers of idols. *But*
Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an ever-
lasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor
confounded world without end.

- 18 For thus saith the LORD that created the
heavens; he is God; that formed the earth and
made it; he established it, he created it not ^{1a} *Or, in vain*

waste, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. I have not ¹⁹ spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me ¹in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble your- ²⁰ selves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Declare ²¹ ye, and ²bring *it* forth; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath shewed this from ancient time? who hath declared it of old? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ²² ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. By myself have I sworn, ³the word ²³ is gone forth from my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Only ²⁴ in the LORD, ⁴shall one say ⁵unto me, is righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come, and all they that were incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all ²⁵ the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth; their idols ¹ **46** are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things that ye carried about are made a load, a burden to the weary *beast*. They stoop, they ² bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and ³ all the remnant of the house of Israel, which have been borne *by me* from the belly, which have been carried from the womb: and even to ⁴ old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; yea, I

¹ Or, as in a waste

² Or, bring them near

³ Or, righteousness is gone forth from my mouth, a word which shall not return
Or, the word is gone forth from a mouth of righteousness, and shall not return

⁴ Or, hath one said

⁵ Or, of

5 will carry, and will deliver. To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me. 6 that we may be like? Such as lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, they hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god; they 7 fall down, yea, they worship. They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and ¹shew yourselves men: ¹ Or, *stand fast*

9 Remember the former things of old: ²for I am God, and there is none else; *I am* God, ² Or, *that* 10 and there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not *yet* done; saying, My counsel 11 shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of ³my counsel from a far country; yea, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it. Harken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

13 I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry; and I will ⁴place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

³ Another reading is, *his*.

47 1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

⁴ Or, *give salvation in Zion. and my glory unto Israel*

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: remove thy veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, 3 pass through the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will ⁵accept no man.

⁵ Or, *make truce with Heb. meet.*

4 Our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, 5 the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and

get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called The lady of kingdoms. I was wroth with my people, 6 I profaned mine inheritance, and gave them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for 7 ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end thereof.

Now therefore hear this, thou that art given 8 to pleasures, that ¹dweldest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and there is none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: but these two 9 things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: in their full measure shall they come upon thee, ²despite of the multitude of thy sorceries, and the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou 10 hast said, None seeth me; thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee: and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and there is none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon 11 thee; thou shalt not know ³the dawning thereof: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou knowest not. Stand now with thine enchantments, and 12 with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest ⁴prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude 13 of thy counsels: let now the ⁵astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from the things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as 14

¹ Or, *sittest securely*

² Or, *amidst*

³ Or, *how to charm it away*

⁴ Or, *strike terror*

⁵ Heb. *dividers of the heavens.*

stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit
15 before. Thus shall the things be unto thee wherein thou hast laboured: they that have trafficked with thee from thy youth shall wander every one to 'his quarter; there shall be none to save thee.

¹ Or, *his own way*

48 ¹ Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah; which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel;
3 the LORD of hosts is his name. I have declared the former things from of old; yea, they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them: suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.
4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;
5 therefore I have declared it to thee from of old; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten
6 image, hath commanded them. Thou hast heard it; behold all this; and ye, will ye not declare it? ²I have shewed thee new things
7 from this time, even hidden things, which thou hast not known. They are created now, and not from of old; and before this day thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I
8 knew them. Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from of old thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou didst deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor
9 from the womb. For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold,

² Or, *I shew*

¹ Or, *tried* I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have ¹chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For ¹¹ mine own sake, for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should *my name* be profaned? and my glory will I not give to another.

Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my ¹² called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Yea, mine hand hath laid the foundation ¹³ of the earth, and my right hand hath spread out the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. Assemble yourselves, all ¹⁴ ye, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? ²The LORD hath loved him: he shall perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans. I, even I, have ¹⁵ spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; from the ¹⁶ beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD hath sent me, and his spirit. Thus saith ¹⁷ the LORD, thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. ³Oh that thou hadst ¹⁸ hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: thy seed also had been as ¹⁹ the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like ⁴the grains thereof: his name should not be cut off nor destroyed from before me.

² Or, *He whom the LORD loveth shall &c.*

³ Or, *Oh that thou wouldst hearken...then should thy peace be &c.*

⁴ Or, *that of the bowels thereof*

Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the ²⁰ Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. And they thirsted not when he led ²¹ them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the

22 rock also, and the waters gushed out. There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

49 1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye peoples, from far: the LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother

2 hath he made mention of my name: and he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me; and he hath made me a polished shaft, in his quiver

3 hath he kept me close: and he said unto me, Thou art my servant; Israel, in whom I will be

4 glorified. But I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought and vanity: yet surely my judgement is with the

5 LORD, and my recompence with my God. And now saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ¹and that Israel be gathered unto him: (for I am honourable in the eyes of the LORD,

6 and my God is become my strength:) yea, he saith, It is too light a thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also

give thee for a light to the Gentiles, ²that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7 Thus saith the LORD, the redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall worship; because of the LORD that is faithful, *even* the Holy One of Israel, who

8 hath chosen thee. Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I answered thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to ³raise up the land, to make them

9 inherit the desolate heritages; saying to them that are bound, Go forth; to them that are in

¹ Another reading is, *but Israel is not gathered, yet shall I be &c.*

² Or, *that my salvation may be*

³ Or, *establish the earth*

darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall be their pasture. They shall not hunger nor thirst; ¹⁰ neither shall the ¹heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a ¹¹ way, and my high ways shall be exalted. Lo, ¹² these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be ¹³ joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted.

But Zion said, Jehovah hath forsaken me, ¹⁴ and the Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman ¹⁵ forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, these may forget, yet will not I forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of ¹⁶ my hands; thy walls are continually before me. ²Thy children make haste; thy destroyers and ¹⁷ they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all ¹⁸ these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and gird thyself with them, like a bride. For, as for thy waste and thy desolate ¹⁹ places and thy land that hath been destroyed, surely now shalt thou be too strait for the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children of thy bereavement ²⁰ shall yet say in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who ²¹ hath ⁸begotten me these, seeing I have been

¹ Or, *mirage*
See ch. xxxv.
7.

² According to
some ancient
authorities,
Thy builders.

³ Or, *borne*

bereaved of my children, and am ¹solitary, an exile, and wandering to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?

22 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the nations, and set up my ensign to the peoples: and they shall bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall

23 be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and they that wait for me shall not
24 be ashamed. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or ²the lawful captives be delivered?

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee,
26 and I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh;

and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

50 1 Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, wherewith I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities were ye sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is

¹ Or, barren

² Heb. the captives of the just.
Or, as read by the Vulg. and Syr., the captives of the terrible

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no water, and dieth for thirst. I clothe the ³ heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of ⁴ ¹them that are taught, that I should know how ²to sustain with words him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as ¹they that are taught. The ⁵ Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. I ⁶ gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord ⁷ God will help me; therefore have I not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend ⁸ with me? let us stand up together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, ⁹ the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? behold, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Who is among you that feareth the LORD, ¹⁰ that obeyeth the voice of his servant? ³he that walketh in darkness, and hath no light, let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that ¹¹ gird yourselves about with firebrands: walk ye in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

Hearken to me, ye that follow after right- ¹ **51**
eousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged. Look unto ² Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many. For the ³

¹ Or, *disciples*

² Or, *to speak a word in season to him &c.*

³ Or, *though he walketh*

LORD hath comforted Zion: he hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

- 4 Attend unto me, O my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will make my judgement to rest
5 for a light of the peoples. My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for
6 me, and on mine arm shall they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die ¹in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. *¹ Or, perhaps, like gnats*
- 7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation unto all generations.
- 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Art thou not it that cut ²Rahab in pieces, that pierced the
10 dragon? Art thou not it which dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to
11 pass over? ³And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: *² See ch. xxx. 7. ³ See ch. xxxv. 10*

they shall obtain gladness and joy, *and* sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you : who ¹² art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass ; and hast forgotten the LORD thy ¹³ Maker, that stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth ; and fearest continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, ¹when he maketh ready to destroy ? and where is the fury of the oppressor ? ²The ¹⁴ captive exile shall speedily be loosed ; and he shall not die *and go down* into the pit, neither shall his bread fail. For I am the LORD thy ¹⁵ God, which ³stirreth up the sea, that the waves thereof roar : the LORD of hosts is his name. And ¹⁶ I have put my words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

¹ Or, *as though he made ready*

² Or, *He that is bent down*

³ Or, *stilleth the sea, when the waves thereof roar*

Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which ¹⁷ hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury ; thou hast drunken the bowl of the cup of staggering, and drained it. There is none ¹⁸ to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth ; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. These two things are befallen ¹⁹ thee ; who shall bemoan thee ? desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword ; how shall I comfort thee ? Thy sons have fainted, ²⁰ they lie at the top of all the streets, as an antelope in a net ; they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God. Therefore hear ²¹ now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine : thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and ²² thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people,

Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my
 23 fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: and I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy back as the ground, and as the street, to them that go over.

52 1 Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the un-
 2 clean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit thee down, O Jerusalem: ¹loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

¹ Another reading is, *the bands of thy neck are loosed.*

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye were sold for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without
 4 money. For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there: and the Assyrian oppressed
 5 them without cause. Now therefore, what do I here, saith the LORD, seeing that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them do howl, saith the LORD, and my name
 6 continually all the day is blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I am he that doth speak; behold, ²it is I.

² Or, *here I am*

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto
 8 Zion, Thy God reigneth! The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see, eye to eye, ³when
 9 the LORD returneth to Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath

³ Or, *how*

redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made ¹⁰ bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart ye, depart ye, go ye ¹¹ out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the LORD. For ye shall not go ¹² out in haste, neither shall ye go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward.

¹ Or, prosper Behold, my servant shall ¹deal wisely, he shall ¹³ be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

² Or, from that of man, and his form from that of the sons of men was so marred ²more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men,) so shall he ¹⁵ ³sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths ⁴at him: for that which had not been

³ Or, startle told them shall they see; and that which they

⁴ Or, because of had not heard shall they ⁵understand.

⁶ Or, that which we have heard Who hath believed ⁶our report? and to whom ¹ **53** hath the arm of the LORD been revealed? For ²

⁷ Or, that we should look upon him; nor beauty &c. he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; ⁷and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He was de- ³spised, and ⁸rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with ⁹grief: and ¹⁰as one from whom men hide their face he was despised, and

⁸ Or, forsaken we esteemed him not.

⁹ Heb. sickness. Surely he hath borne our ¹¹griefs, and carried ⁴ our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was ⁵ wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we ⁶ have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath ¹²laid on him the iniquity of us all.

¹² Heb. made to light.

7 He was oppressed, yet he humbled himself and opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before her shearers is dumb; yea, he opened not his mouth.

8 ¹By oppression and judgement he was taken away; ²and as for his generation, who *among them* considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living? for the transgression of my people ³was he stricken. And they made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his ⁴death; ⁵although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath ⁶put him to grief: ⁷when thou shalt make his soul ⁸an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ⁹He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant ¹⁰justify many: and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and ¹¹made intercession for the transgressors.

54 ¹ Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. ⁴ Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither

¹ Or, *From*

² Or, *and his life who shall recount? for he was cut off &c.*

³ Or, *to whom the stroke was due*

⁴ Heb. *deaths*. See Ezek. xxviii. 8, 10.

⁵ Or, *because*

⁶ Heb. *made him sick*.

⁷ Or, *when his soul shall make an offering*

⁸ Heb. *a guilt offering*.

⁹ Or, *He shall see and be satisfied with the travail &c.*

¹⁰ Or, *make many righteous*

¹¹ Or, *maketh*

be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou remember no more. For thy Maker is ⁵ thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is thy redeemer; the God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a wife forsaken ⁶ and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off, saith thy God. For a small ⁷ moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. ¹In overflowing ⁸ wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy redeemer. ²For ⁹ this is *as* the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills ¹⁰ be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not ¹¹ comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in ³fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy ⁴pinnacles of rubies, and ¹² thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be ¹³ ⁵taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be ¹⁴ established: ⁶thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they may ¹⁵ ⁷gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall ⁷gather together against thee ⁸shall fall because of thee. Behold, I have created the smith ¹⁶

¹ Or, *In a little wrath*

² Or, according to some ancient authorities, *This is unto me as the days of Noah, when I sware &c.*

³ Or, *antimony*
See 1 Chr. xxix. 2.

⁴ Or, *windowes*

⁵ Or, *disciples*

⁶ Or, *be thou far*

⁷ Or, *stir up strife*

⁸ Or, *shall fall away to thee*

that bloweth the fire of coals, and bringeth forth
a weapon for ¹his work; and I have created the
17 waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed
against thee shall prosper; and every tongue
that shall rise against thee in judgement thou
shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the
servants of the LORD, and ²their righteousness
which is of me, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, *its*² Or, *their
righteousness
is of me*

55 ¹ Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the
waters, and he that hath no money; come ye,
buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk
² without money and without price. Wherefore
do ye ³spend money for that which is not bread?
and your ⁴labour for that which satisfieth not?
hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that
which is good, and let your soul delight itself in
³ fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me;
hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make
an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure
⁴ mercies of David. Behold, I have given him
for a witness to the peoples, a ⁵leader and com-
⁵ mander to the peoples. Behold, thou shalt call a
nation that thou knowest not, and a nation that
knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of
the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of
Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

⁶ Seek ye the LORD while he may be found,
⁷ call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked
forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his
thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD,
and he will have mercy upon him; and to our
⁸ God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my
thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your
⁹ ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the
heavens are higher than the earth, so are my
ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts
¹⁰ than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh
down and the snow from heaven, and returneth

³ Heb. *weigh*.⁴ Or, *earnings*⁵ Or, *prince*

not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word ¹¹ be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out ¹² with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn ¹³ shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgement, ¹ **56** and do righteousness: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son ² of man that holdeth fast by it; that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Neither let the stranger, ³ that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD will surely separate me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the LORD of ⁴ the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast by my covenant: Unto them will I give in mine house ⁵ and within my walls a ¹ memorial and a name ² better than of sons and of daughters; I will give ³ them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the strangers, that join ⁶ themselves to the LORD, to minister unto him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast by my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy ⁷

¹ Or, *place*
Heb. *hand*.

² Or, *better*
than sons and
daughters

³ Heb. *him*.

mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar: for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all
 8 peoples. The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, ¹beside his own that are gathered.

9 All ye beasts of the field, ²come to devour,
 10 *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest. His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming,
 11 lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each
 12 one to his gain, ³from every quarter. Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, *a day* great beyond measure.

¹ Heb. to his gathered ones.

² Or, come ye to devour all the beasts in the forest

³ Or, one and all

57 1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and ⁴merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken
 2 away ⁵from the evil *to come*. He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh ⁶in his uprightness.

⁴ Or, godly

⁵ Or, through wickedness

⁶ Or, straight before him

3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.
 4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression,
 5 a seed of falsehood, ye that inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; that slay the children in the valleys, under the clefts
 6 of the rocks? Among the smooth *stones* of the valley is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered ⁸an oblation. Shall I be
 7 appeased for these things? Upon a high and

⁷ Or, with idols

⁸ Or, a meal offering

lofty mountain hast thou set thy bed : thither also wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. And ⁸ behind the doors and the posts hast thou set up thy memorial : for thou hast discovered *thyself* to another than me, and art gone up ; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them ; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. And thou wentest to ⁹ the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thine ambassadors far off, and didst debase thyself even unto ¹hell. Thou wast wearied with the length of thy way ; ¹⁰ yet saidst thou not, There is no hope : thou didst find ²a quickening of thy strength ; therefore thou wast not ³faint. And of whom hast thou ¹¹ been afraid and in fear, that thou liest, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart ? have not I held my peace even of long time, and thou fearest me not ? I will declare thy ¹² righteousness ; and as for thy works, they shall not profit thee. When thou criest, let ⁴them ¹³ which thou hast gathered deliver thee ; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away : but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain. And ⁵he shall say, Cast ye up, cast ¹⁴ ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that ¹⁵ inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy : I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend ¹⁶ for ever, neither will I be always wroth : for the spirit should ⁶fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covet- ¹⁷ ousness was I wroth and smote him, I hid *my*

¹ Heb. *Sheol*.

² Heb. *the life of thine hand*.

³ Heb. *sick*.

⁴ Or, *thy*
rabble of idols

⁵ Or, *it shall*
be said

⁶ Or, *faint*
away

- face* and was wroth : and he went on ¹frowardly
 18 in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways,
 and will heal him : I will lead him also, and
²restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. ² Heb.
 19 I create the fruit of the lips : Peace, peace, to *recompense.*
 him that is far off and to him that is near, saith
 20 the LORD ; and I will heal him. But the
 wicked are like the troubled sea ; for it can-
 not rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt.
 21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the
 wicked.
- 58 1 Cry ³aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like ³ Heb. *with*
 a trumpet, and declare unto my people their *the throat.*
 transgression, and to the house of Jacob their
 2 sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to
 know my ways : as a nation that did righteous-
 ness, and forsook not the ⁴ordinance of their ⁴ Or,
 God, they ask of me righteous ordinances, they *judgement*
 3 delight to draw near unto God. Wherefore
 have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not ?
wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou
 takest no knowledge ? Behold, in the day of
 your fast ye find *your own* pleasure, and ⁵exact ⁵ Or, *oppress*
 4 all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and *all your*
 contention, and to smite with the fist of wicked- *labourers*
 ness : ⁶ye fast not this day so as to make your ⁶ Or, *ye shall*
 5 voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast *not fast as ye*
 that I have chosen ? the day for a man to *do this day, to*
 afflict his soul ? Is it to bow down his head as *make &c.*
 a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under
 him ? wilt thou call this a fast, and an accept-
 6 able day to the LORD ? Is not this the fast that
 I have chosen ? to loose the bonds of wicked-
 ness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let
 the oppressed go free, and that ye break every
 7 yoke ? Is it not to deal thy bread to the
 hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are
 cast out to thy house ? when thou seest the

naked, that thou cover him ; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh ? Then shall 8 thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily : and thy righteousness shall go before thee ; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward. Then shalt 9 thou call, and the LORD shall answer ; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedly ; and if thou ¹draw out thy soul to 10 the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul ; then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday : and the LORD 11 shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in ²dry places, and make strong thy bones ; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And 12 they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places : thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations ; and thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from 13 the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day ; and call the sabbath a delight, *and* the holy of the LORD honourable ; and shalt honour ³it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words : then shalt thou delight thyself in the 14 LORD ; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth ; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father : for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, 1 59 that it cannot save ; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear : but your iniquities have separ- 2 ated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not

¹ Or, *bestow*
on the hungry
that which thy
soul desireth

² Or, *drought*

³ Or, *him*

- 3 hear. For your hands are defiled with blood,
 and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have
 spoken lies, your tongue muttereth wickedness.
 4 None ¹sueth in righteousness, and none pleadeth ¹Heb. *calleteth*.
 in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies;
 they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
 5 They hatch ²basilisks' eggs, and weave the ²Or, *adders*
 spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth,
 and that which is crushed breaketh out into a
 6 viper. Their webs shall not become garments,
 neither shall they cover themselves with their
 works: their works are works of iniquity, and
 7 the act of violence is in their hands. Their
 feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed
 innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of
 iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their
 8 ³paths. The way of peace they know not; and ³Or, *high*
 there is no ⁴judgement in their goings: they ^{ways}
 have made them crooked paths; whosoever ⁴Or, *right*
 9 goeth therein doth not know peace. There-
 fore is judgement far from us, neither doth right-
 eousness overtake us: we look for light, but
 behold darkness; for brightness, but we walk
 10 in obscurity. We grope for the wall like the
 blind, yea, we grope as they that have no
 eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight;
⁵among them that are lusty we are as dead ⁵Or, *we are*
 11 men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore ^{in dark places}
 like doves: we look for judgement, but there ^{like the dead}
 is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.
 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before
 thee, and our sins testify against us: for our
 transgressions are with us, and as for our
 13 iniquities, we know them: in transgressing and
 denying the LORD, and turning away from follow-
 ing our God, speaking oppression and revolt,
 conceiving and uttering from the heart words
 14 of falsehood. And judgement is turned away

backward, and righteousness standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yea, truth is lacking; and he ¹⁵ that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgement. And he ¹⁶ saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was ¹no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it upheld him. And he put on ¹⁷ righteousness as a ²breastplate, and ³an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. According to their ¹⁸ ⁴deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the ⁵islands he will repay recompence. So shall ¹⁹ they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun: ⁶for he shall come as ⁷a rushing stream, which the breath of the LORD driveth. And a redeemer ²⁰ shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. And as for me, this is my covenant with them, ²¹ saith the LORD: my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the ¹ **60** glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, be- ² hold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall come to thy light, and ³ kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up ⁴ thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather

¹ Or, none to interpose

² Or, coat of mail

³ Or, salvation for an helmet

⁴ Heb. recompences.

⁵ Or, coastlands

⁶ Or, when the adversary shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him

⁷ Heb. a stream pent in.

- themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall
 5 be ¹carried in the arms. Then thou shalt see and ²be lightened, and thine heart shall tremble and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the
 6 nations shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the ³dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; they all shall come from Sheba: they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall ⁴proclaim the praises of the LORD.
 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will ⁵glorify ⁶the
 8 house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he hath ⁷glorified thee.
 10 And strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had
 11 mercy on thee. Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led *with them*.
 12 For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be
 13 utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, ⁸the pine, and the box tree together; to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet
 14 glorious. And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down

¹ Heb. *nursed upon the side.*² See Ps. xxxiv. 5.³ Or, *young camels*⁴ Heb. *bring good tidings of the praises.*⁵ Or, *beautify*⁶ Or, *my beautiful house*⁷ Or, *beautified*⁸ See ch. xli. 19.

at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee
 The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy
 One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been for- 15
 saken and hated, so that no man passed through
 thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a
 joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck 16
 the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast
 of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD
 am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty
 One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and 17
 for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass,
 and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers
 peace, and ¹thine exactors righteousness. Viol- 18
 ence shall no more be heard in thy land, desol-
 ation nor destruction within thy borders; but
 thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates
 Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by 19
 day; neither for brightness shall the moon give
 light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto
 thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy ²glory.
 Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall 20
 thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall
 be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy
 mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall 21
 be all righteous, they shall inherit the land for
 ever; the branch of my planting, the work of
 my hands, that I may be glorified. The little 22
 one shall become a thousand, and the small one
 a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in its
 time.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; be- 1 **61**
 cause the LORD hath anointed me to preach
 good tidings unto the ³meek; he hath sent me
 to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim
 liberty to the captives, and ⁴the opening of
the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim ⁵
 the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day
 of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that

¹ Or, *thy*
taskmasters

² Or, *beauty*

³ Or, *poor*

⁴ Or, *opening*
of the eyes

⁵ Or, *the year*
of the LORD'S
good pleasure

3 mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many

5 generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and aliens shall be your plow-

6 men and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, and ¹in their glory shall

7 ye boast yourselves. For your shame *ye shall have* double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double: everlasting joy shall be

8 unto them. For I the LORD love judgement.

I hate robbery ²with iniquity; and I will give them their recompence in truth, and I will make

9 an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom ³decketh himself with a garland, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

¹ Or, *to their glory shall ye succeed*

² Or, *for (or with) a burnt offering*

³ Heb. *decketh as a priest.*

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, ¹ **62**
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until
 her righteousness go forth as brightness, and
 her salvation as a lamp that burneth. And the ²
 nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings
 thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new
 name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
 Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the ³
 hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the
 hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be ⁴
 termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any
 more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be
 called: ¹Hephzi-bah, and thy land ²Beulah: for
 the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall
 be married. For as a young man marrieth a ⁵
 virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and ³as
 the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so
 shall thy God rejoice over thee.

¹ That is, *My
delight is in
her.*

² That is,
Married.

³ Heb. *with
the joy of the
bridegroom.*

⁴ Or, *keep not
silence*

⁵ Heb. *silence.*

⁶ Or, *vintage*

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jeru- ⁶
 salem; they shall never hold their peace day nor
 night: ye that are the LORD's remembrancers,
⁴take ye no rest, and give him no ⁵rest, till he ⁷
 establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in
 the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right ⁸
 hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely
 I will no more give thy corn to be meat for
 thine enemies; and strangers shall not drink
 thy ⁶wine, for the which thou hast laboured:
 but they that have garnered it shall eat it, ⁹
 and praise the LORD; and they that have
 gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my
 sanctuary.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ¹⁰
 ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the
 high way; gather out the stones; lift up an en-
 sign ⁷for the peoples. Behold, the LORD hath ¹¹
 proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye
 to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation

⁷ Or, *over*

cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and
 12 his ¹recompence before him. And they shall
 call them The holy people, The redeemed of
 the LORD: and thou shalt be called Sought out,
 A city not forsaken.

¹ Or, *work*

63 ¹ Who is this that cometh from Edom, with
²dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious
 in his apparel, marching in the greatness
 of his strength? I that speak in righteousness,
 2 mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in
 thine apparel, and thy garments like him that
 3 treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the
 winepress alone; and of the peoples there was
 no man with me: yea, I ³trod them in mine
 anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their
⁴lifeblood ⁵is sprinkled upon my garments, and
 4 I ⁶have stained all my raiment. For the day
 of vengeance ⁷was in mine heart, and ⁸the year
 5 of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and
 there was none to help; and I wondered that
 there was none to uphold: therefore mine own
 arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it
 6 upheld me. And ⁹I trod down the peoples in
 mine anger, and ¹⁰made them drunk in my fury,
 and I ¹¹poured out their lifeblood on the earth.

² Or,
crimsoned

³ Or, *will*
tread...and
trample

⁴ Or, *strength*

⁵ Or, *shall be*

⁶ Or, *will stain*

⁷ Or, *is*

⁸ Or, *my year*
of redemption

⁹ Or, *I will*
tread...and
make...and I
will pour out

¹⁰ Or, according
 to another
 reading, *brake*
them in pieces

¹¹ Or, *brought*
down their
strength to the
earth

7 I will make mention of the lovingkindnesses
 of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according
 to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us; and the great
 goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath
 bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according
 to the
 8 multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said,
 Surely, they are my people, children that will
 9 not deal falsely: so he was their saviour. ¹² In all
 their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of
 his presence saved them: in his love and in his
 pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and
 10 carried them all the days of old. But they re-

¹² Another
 reading is, *In*
all their ad-
versity he was
no adversary.

belled, and grieved his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* himself fought against them. ¹Then he remembered the days ¹¹ of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the ²shepherds of his flock? where is he that put his holy spirit in the midst of them? that caused ¹² his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses? that divided the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? that led ¹³ them through the depths, as an horse in the wilderness, that they stumbled not? As the ¹⁴ cattle that go down into the valley, the spirit of the LORD caused them to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name. Look down from heaven, and behold ¹⁵ from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy mighty acts? the yearning of thy bowels and thy compassions are restrained toward me. For thou art our ¹⁶ father, though Abraham knoweth us not, and Israel doth not acknowledge us: thou, O LORD, art our father; our redeemer from everlasting is thy name. O LORD, why dost thou make us ¹⁷ to err from thy ways, and hardenest our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. Thy holy people pos- ¹⁸ sessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are become as ¹⁹ they over whom thou never barest rule; as they that were not called by thy name. Oh that thou ⁶⁴ wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might ³flow down at thy presence; as when fire kindleth the brush- ² wood, *and* the fire causeth the waters to boil: to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! When ³ thou didst terrible things which we looked not

¹ Or, *Then his people remembered the ancient days of Moses &c.*

² Another reading is, *shepherd.*

³ Or, *quake*

[Ch. lxiv. 1 in Heb.]

for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed
 4 down at thy presence. For from of old men
 have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither
 hath the eye ¹seen a God beside thee, which
 5 worketh for him that waiteth for him. Thou
²meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh right-
 eousness, those that remember thee in thy ways:
 behold, thou wast wroth, and we sinned: ³in
 them *have we been* of long time, and shall we be
 6 saved? For we are all become as one that is
 unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a
 polluted garment: and we all do fade as a leaf;
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name,
 that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for
 thou hast hid thy face from us, and ⁴hast ⁵con-
 8 sumed us by means of our iniquities. But now,
 O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay,
 and thou our potter; and we all are the work
 9 of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD,
 neither remember iniquity for ever: behold,
 look, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.
 10 Thy holy cities are become a wilderness, Zion
 is become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
 11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our
 fathers praised thee, is burned with fire: and
 12 all our pleasant things are laid waste. Wilt
 thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD?
 wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very
 sore?

65 1 I ⁶am inquired of by them that asked not *for*
me; I ⁷am found of them that sought me not:
 I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation
 2 ⁸that was not called by my name. I have
 spread out my hands all the day unto a rebel-
 lious people, which walketh in a way that is
 3 not good, after their own thoughts; a people
 that provoketh me to my face continually, sacri-

¹ Or, *seen, O God, beside thee, one which &c.*

² Or, *sparest*

³ Or, *in those is continuance, and we shall be saved*
 The text is probably corrupt.

⁴ According to some ancient versions, *hast delivered us into the power of.*

⁵ Heb. *melted.*

⁶ Or, *was inquired of*

⁷ Or, *was found*

⁸ Or, as otherwise read, *that hath not called upon*

¹ Or, *dwell*² Or, *vaults*³ Or, *defied*⁴ Or, *measure their former work*⁵ Or, *pasture*⁶ Heb. *Gad*.
See Gen. xxx.
11.⁷ Heb. *Meni*.

ficing in gardens, and burning incense upon bricks; which ¹sit among the graves, and lodge ⁴ in the ²secret places; which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; which say, Stand by thyself, come not ⁵ near to me, for I am holier than thou: these are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. Behold, it is written before me: I will ⁶ not keep silence, but will recompense, yea, I will recompense into their bosom, your own ⁷ iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and ³blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I ⁴first measure their work into their bosom.

Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is ⁸ found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, ⁹ and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. And Sharon shall be a ⁵fold ¹⁰ of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. But ye that forsake the LORD, ¹¹ that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for ⁶Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine unto ⁷Destiny; I will destine you to the sword, ¹² and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, ¹³ my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but

- 14 ye shall be ashamed : behold, my servants shall
 sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow
 of heart, and shall howl for ¹vexation of spirit. ¹ Heb. *breaking*.
 15 And ye shall leave your name for ²a curse unto ² Heb. *an*
 my chosen, and the Lord GOD shall slay thee : *orth*.
 and he shall call his servants by another name :
 16 so that he who blesseth himself in the earth
 shall bless himself in the God of ³truth : and he ³ Heb. *Amen*.
 that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the See 2 Cor. i.
 God of ³truth ; because the former troubles are 20, Rev. iii.
 forgotten, and because they are hid from mine 14.
 17 eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a
 new earth : and the former things shall not be
 18 remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye
 glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create :
 for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and
 19 her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusa-
 lem, and joy in my people : and the voice of
 weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the
 20 voice of crying. There shall be no more thence
 an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not
 filled his days : for the child shall die an hundred
 years old, and the sinner being an hundred
 21 years old shall be accursed. And they shall
 build houses, and inhabit them ; and they shall
 22 plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They
 shall not build, and another inhabit ; they shall
 not plant, and another eat : for as the days of
 a tree shall be the days of my people, and my
 chosen shall ⁴long enjoy the work of their hands. ⁴ Heb. *wear*
 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth *out*.
 for ⁵calamity ; for they are the seed of the ⁵ Or, *sudden*
 blessed of the LORD, and their offspring ⁶with *terror*
 24 them. And it shall come to pass that, before ⁶ Or, *shall be*
 they call, I will answer ; and while they are yet *with them*
 25 speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb
 shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw
 like the ox : and dust shall be the serpent's

meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my ¹ throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will ye build unto me? and what place shall be my rest? For all these ² things hath mine hand made, and *so* all these things came to be, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as he that ³ slayeth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as he that breaketh a dog's neck; he that offereth ¹an oblation, *as he that offereth* swine's blood; he that ²burneth frankincense, as he that blesseth an idol: yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations; I also will choose their ³delusions, and will bring ⁴ their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble ⁵ at his word: Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for my name's sake, have said, Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy; but they shall be ashamed. A voice of ⁶ tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she ⁷ brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard ⁸ such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be ⁴born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall ⁹ I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring

¹ Or, a meal offering

² Heb. maketh a memorial of.

³ Or, mockings

⁴ Or, travailed with for but one day

forth? saith the LORD: shall I that cause to bring forth shut *the womb*? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy
11 with her, all ye that mourn over her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream, ¹and ye shall suck *thereof*; ye shall be borne upon the

¹ Or, *then shall ye suck, ye &c.*

13 side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusa-

14 lem. And ye shall see *it*, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and he will
15 have indignation against his enemies. For, behold, the LORD will come ²with fire, and his

² Or, *in*

chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames
16 of fire. For by fire will the LORD plead, and by his sword, with all flesh: and the slain of the

17 LORD shall be many. They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves ³to go unto the gardens, ⁴behind ⁵one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse; they shall come to an end together,

³ Or, *in*

⁴ Many ancient authorities have, *one after another.*

18 saith the LORD. For I *know* their works and their thoughts: ⁶*the time* cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall

⁵ Or, *one tree* (or Asherah; see Deut. xvi. 21)

19 come, and shall see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard

⁶ Many ancient authorities have, *I come to gather &c.*

¹ Or,
dromedaries

my fame, neither have seen my glory ; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. And ²⁰ they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations for an offering unto the LORD, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon ¹swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And of them also ²¹ will I take for priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new ²² earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, ²³ that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And ²⁴ they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me : for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched ; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

JEREMIAH.

1 ¹ THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah,
of the priests that were in Anathoth in the
2 land of Benjamin: to whom the word of the
LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of
Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of
3 his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoi-
akim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto
the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah
the son of Josiah, king of Judah; unto the
carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth
month.

4 Now the word of the LORD came unto me,
5 saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I
knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of
the womb I sanctified thee; I have appointed
6 thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said
I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for
7 I am a child. But the LORD said unto me,
Say not, I am a child: for ¹to whomsoever I
shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever
8 I shall command thee thou shalt speak. Be
not afraid because of them: for I am with thee
9 to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the
LORD put forth his hand, and touched my
mouth; and the LORD said unto me, Behold,
10 I have put my words in thy mouth: see,
I have this day set thee over the nations and

¹ Or, on what-
soever errand

over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, and to destroy and to overthrow; to build, and to plant.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto ¹¹ me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I ¹² said, I see a rod of ¹an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for ² I ²watch over my word to perform it. And the ¹³ word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething caldron; and the face thereof is from the north. Then the LORD said unto me, ¹⁴ Out of the north evil ³shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call ¹⁵ all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will ⁴utter my judgements against ¹⁶ them touching all their wickedness; in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. Thou therefore gird up ¹⁷ thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them. For, ¹⁸ behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they ¹⁹ shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

And the word of the LORD came to me, ¹ **2** saying, Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, ² saying, Thus saith the LORD, I remember

¹ Heb. *shaked*.

² Heb. *shoked*.

³ Heb. *shall be opened*.

⁴ Or, *speaking with them of my judgements*

- ¹for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals; how thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.
- ³Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD, the first-fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.
- ⁴Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of
- ⁵Israel: thus saith the LORD, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after
- ⁶vanity, and are become vain? Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt; that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of ²the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man dwelt?
- ⁷And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and
- ⁸made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the ³rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things
- ⁹that do not profit. Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your
- ¹⁰children's children will I plead. For pass over to the isles of Kittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently; and see
- ¹¹if there hath been such a thing. Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which yet are no gods? but my people have changed their
- ¹²glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, concerning

² Or, deep darkness

³ Heb. shepherds.

For my people have committed two evils; ¹³ they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Is Israel ¹⁴ a servant? is he a homeborn *slave*? why is he become a prey? The young lions have roared ¹⁵ upon him, and ¹yelled: and they have made his land waste; his cities are burned up, without inhabitant. The children also of Noph and Tah- ¹⁶ panhes have ²broken the crown of thy head. Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in ¹⁷ that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way? And now ¹⁸ what hast thou to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of ³Shihor? or what hast thou to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of ⁴the River? Thine own wickedness shall ¹⁹ correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts. For of ²⁰ old time ⁵I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not ⁶serve; for upon every high hill and under every green tree thou didst bow thyself, playing the harlot. Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly ²¹ a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? For though thou wash thee with lye, ²² and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God. How canst thou say, I am not defiled, I ²³ have not gone after the Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift ⁷dromedary traversing her ways; a ²⁴ wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in her desire; in her occasion who

¹ Heb. *given out their voice*.

² Or, *fed on*

³ That is, the Nile.

⁴ That is, the Euphrates.

⁵ Or, *thou hast*

⁶ Another reading is, *transgress*.

⁷ Or, *young camel*

- can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall
 25 find her. Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers,
 26 and after them will I go. As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and
 27 their priests, and their prophets; which say to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast ¹brought ²me forth: for they have
 turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, ¹ Or, *begotten me*
 28 Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. ² Another reading is, *us*.
 29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.
 30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no ³correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. ³ Or, *instruction*
 31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? or a land of ⁴thick darkness? wherefore say my people, We are broken loose; we will come no ⁴ Or, *darkness from Jah*
 32 more unto thee? Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. How trimmest thou thy way to seek love! therefore even the wicked women hast thou taught thy
 33 ways. Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: ⁵I have not found it at ⁶the place of breaking in, but upon
 34 ⁷all these. Yet thou saidst, I am innocent; surely his anger is turned away from me. Behold, I will enter into judgement with thee, because thou ⁵ Or, *thou didst not find them*
⁶ See Ex. xxii. 2.
⁷ Some ancient authorities have, *every oak*.

sayest, I have not sinned. Why gaddest thou ³⁶ about so much to change thy way? thou shalt be ashamed of Egypt also, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. From him also shalt thou go forth, ³⁷ with thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

¹ Heb. *Saying.*

² See Deut. xxiv. 1—4.

³ Or, *and* thinkest thou to return &c.?

⁴ Or, *companion*

⁵ Or, *hast spoken thus, but hast done &c.*

⁶ Heb. *been able.*

⁷ Or, *And I said, After she hath done all these things, she &c.*

⁸ Or, *Let her return unto me*

⁹ Some ancient authorities have, *she saw that, for &c.*

¹ They say, ² If a man put away his wife, and she ¹ **3** go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; ³ yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Lift up thine eyes unto the bare ² heights, and see; where hast thou not been lien with? By the ways hast thou sat for them, as an Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Therefore the showers have been ³ withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; yet thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. Wilt thou not from this time ⁴ cry unto me, My father, thou art the ⁴ guide of my youth? Will he retain *his anger* for ever? ⁵ will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou ⁵ hast spoken and hast done evil things, and hast ⁶ had thy way.

Moreover the LORD said unto me in the days ⁶ of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. ⁷ And I said after she had done all these things, ⁷ **7** ⁸ She will return unto me; but she returned not: and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And ⁸ **8** ⁹ I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not; but she

- 9 also went and played the harlot. And it came
 to pass through the lightness of her whoredom,
 that the land was polluted, and she committed
 10 adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet
 for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not
 returned unto me with her whole heart, but
 11 feignedly, saith the LORD. And the LORD said
 unto me, Backsliding Israel hath shewn herself
 12 more righteous than treacherous Judah. Go,
 and proclaim these words toward the north,
 and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith
 the LORD; I will not ¹look in anger upon you:
 for I am merciful, saith the LORD, I will not
 13 keep *anger* for ever. Only ²acknowledge thine
 iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the
 LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to
 the strangers under every green tree, and ye
 have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.
 14 Return, O backsliding children, saith the LORD;
 for I am a husband unto you: and I will take
 you one of a city, and two of a family, and I
 15 will bring you to Zion: and I will give you
 shepherds according to mine heart, which shall
 feed you with knowledge and understanding.
 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multi-
 plied and increased in the land, in those days,
 saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The
 ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall
 it come to mind: neither shall they remember
 it; neither shall they ³visit it: neither ⁴shall *that*
 17 be done any more. At that time they shall
 call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all
 the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the
 name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall
 they walk any more after the stubbornness of
 18 their evil heart. In those days the house of
 Judah shall walk ⁵with the house of Israel, and
 they shall come together out of the land of the

¹ Heb. *cause my countenance to fall upon you.*

² Or, *know.*

³ Or, *miss*

⁴ Or, *shall it be made any more*

⁵ Or, *to*

¹ Or, *would... nations!*

² Or, *the goodliest heritage of the nations*

³ Another reading is, *Thou shalt... and shalt not &c.*

⁴ Or, *noisy throng*

⁵ Heb. *shame*. See ch. xi. 13.

⁶ Or, *if thou wilt put... and wilt not wander, and wilt swear... then shall the nations &c. or, then shalt thou swear... and the nations &c.*

north to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your fathers. But I said, How ¹shall I ¹⁹ put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, ²a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations? and I said, ³Ye shall call me My father; and shall not turn away from following me. Surely as a wife treacherously departeth ²⁰ from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD. A voice is heard upon the bare heights, the ²¹ weeping *and* the supplications of the children of Israel; for that they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the LORD their God. Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your ²² backslidings. Behold, we are come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God. Truly in vain ²³ is *the help that is looked for* from the hills, the ²⁴ tumult on the mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. But the ²⁵ shameful thing hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day: and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, ¹ **4** unto me shalt thou return: and ⁶if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not be removed; and thou shalt ² swear, As the LORD liveth, in truth, in judgement, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah ³ and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise your- ⁴

selves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of
 5 the evil of your doings. Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fenced
 6 cities. Set up a standard toward Zion: flee for safety, stay not: for I will bring evil from the
 7 north, and a great destruction. A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place; to make thy land desolate, that thy cities be laid
 8 waste, without inhabitant. For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.
 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.
 10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword
 11 reacheth unto the soul. At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan,
 12 nor to cleanse; ¹a full wind from these shall come for me: now will I also ²utter judgements
 13 against them. Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots *shall be* as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe
 14 unto us! for we are spoiled. O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts lodge
 15 within thee? For ³a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth evil from the hills of Ephraim:

¹ Or, a wind too strong for this

² See ch. i. 16.

³ Or, there is a voice of one that declareth etc.

make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish ¹⁶ against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. As keepers of a field are they ¹⁷ against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. Thy way and thy doings have procured these ¹⁸ things unto thee; this is thy wickedness; ¹for it is bitter, ¹for it reacheth unto thine heart.

¹ Or, *surely*

² Another reading is, *I will wait patiently.*

³ Heb. *the walls of my heart.*

⁴ Or, as otherwise read, *my soul heareth*

My bowels, my bowels! ²I am pained at ³my ¹⁹ very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace; because ⁴thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; ²⁰ for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear ²¹ the sound of the trumpet? For my people is ²² foolish, they know me not; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

⁵ See Gen. i. 2.

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was ⁵waste and ²³ void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, ²⁴ and all the hills ⁶moved to and fro. I beheld, ²⁵ and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, ⁷the ²⁶ fruitful field was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* before his fierce anger. For ²⁷ thus saith the LORD, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens ²⁸ above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. The whole ²⁹ city fleeth for the noise of the horsemen and

⁶ Or, *moved lightly*

⁷ Or, *Carmel*

bowmen ; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks : every city is forsaken, and
 30 not a man dwelleth therein. And thou, when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do ? Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou
 1enlargest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost ¹ Heb. *rendest*. thou make thyself fair ; *thy* lovers despise thee,
 31 they seek thy life. For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that gaspeth for breath, that spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now ! for my soul fainteth before the murderers.

5 1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh
 2 ² truth ; and I will pardon her. And though they say, As the LORD liveth ; surely they
 3 swear falsely. O LORD, ³ do not thine eyes look upon ² truth ? thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved ; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive ⁴ correction : they have made their faces harder than a rock ;
 4 they have refused to return. Then I said, Surely these are poor : they are foolish ; for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the
 5 judgement of their God : I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them ; for they know the way of the LORD, and the judgement of their God. But these with one accord have
 6 broken the yoke, and burst the bands. Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the ⁵ evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities, every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces : because their transgressions are many, *and* their

² Or,
faithfulness

³ Heb. *are not*
thine eyes
upon.

⁴ Or,
instruction

⁵ Or, *deserts*

backslidings are increased. How can I pardon ⁷ thee? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had ¹fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses ²in the morn- ⁸ ing: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith ⁹ the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but ¹⁰ make not a full end: take away her branches: for they are not the LORD's. For the house of ¹¹ Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. They ¹² have denied the LORD, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: and the prophets ¹³ shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them. Wherefore ¹⁴ thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Lo, I will bring a ¹⁵ nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is ³a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. Their quiver is an open sepulchre, they ¹⁶ are all mighty men. And they shall eat up ¹⁷ thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall ⁴beat down thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustest, with the sword. But even in those days, saith ¹⁸ the LORD, I will not make a full end with you. And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, ¹⁹

¹ Or, according to another reading, *made them swear*

² Or, *roaming at large*

³ Or, *an enduring nation*

⁴ Or, *impoverish*

Wherefore hath the LORD our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob, and

21 publish it in Judah, saying, Hear now this, O foolish people, and without ¹understanding; which ¹ Heb. *heart*. have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and

22 hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, ²by a ² Or, *an everlasting ordinance, which it cannot pass* perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can

23 they not pass over it. But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are re-

24 volted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that reserveth unto us the appointed

25 weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have

26 withholden good from you. For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch

27 men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become

28 great, and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness: they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they should prosper; and the

29 right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 ³A wonderful and horrible thing is come to ³ Or, *Astonishment and horror*

31 pass in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule ⁴by their means; and ⁴ Or, *at their hands*

my people love to have it so : and what will ye do in the end thereof ?

Flee for safety, ye children of Benjamin, ¹ **6**
out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth-haccherem : for evil looketh forth from the north, and a great destruction. The comely ²
and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, will I cut off. Shepherds with their flocks shall come ³
unto her ; they shall pitch their tents against her round about ; they shall feed every one in his place. ¹Prepare ye war against her ; arise, ⁴
and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us ! for the day declineth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. Arise, and let us go up ⁵
by night, and let us destroy her palaces. For ⁶
thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down ²trees, and cast up a mount against Jerusalem : this is the city to be visited ; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. As a well ³casteth ⁷
forth her waters, so she ³casteth forth her wickedness : violence and spoil is heard in her ; before me continually is sickness and wounds. Be ⁸
thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from thee ; lest I make thee a desolation, a land not inhabited.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall ⁹
thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine : turn again thine hand as a grapegatherer ⁴into the baskets. To whom shall I speak and ¹⁰
testify, that they may hear ? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken : behold, the word of the LORD is become unto them a reproach ; they have no delight in it. There- ¹¹
fore I am full of the fury of the LORD ; I am weary with holding in : pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together : for even the husband with

¹ Heb.
Sanctify.

² Or, as otherwise read, *her trees*

³ Or, *keepeth fresh*

⁴ Or, *upon the shoots*

the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that
 12 is full of days. And their houses shall be turned
 unto others, their fields and their wives together:
 for I will stretch out my hand upon the in-
 13 habitants of the land, saith the LORD. For from
 the least of them even unto the greatest of them
 every one is given to covetousness; and from
 the prophet even unto the priest every one deal-
 14 eth falsely. They have healed also the ¹hurt
 of ²my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace;
 15 when there is no peace. ³Were they ashamed
 when they had committed abomination? nay,
 they were not at all ashamed, neither could they
 blush: therefore they shall fall among them that
 fall: at the time that I visit them they shall ⁴be
 cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways
 and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the
 good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find
 rest for your souls: but they said, We will not
 17 walk *therein*. And I set watchmen over you,
saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet;
 18 but they said, We will not hearken. Therefore
 hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation,
 19 what is among them. Hear, O earth: behold,
 I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit
 of their thoughts, because they have not heark-
 ened unto my words; and as for my law, they
 20 have rejected it. To what purpose cometh
 there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the
 sweet ⁵cane from a far country? your burnt
 offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices
 21 pleasing unto me. Therefore thus saith the
 LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before
 this people: and the fathers and the sons to-
 gether shall stumble against them; the neighbour
 and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh

¹ Or, *breach*.

² Another reading is, *the daughter of my people*, as in ch. viii. 11. 21.

³ Or, *They shall be put to shame because they have committed abomination: yea, they are not* &c.

⁴ Or, *stumble*.

⁵ Or, *cassius*.

from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. They lay hold on bow and spear; they ²³ are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses; every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Zion. We have ²⁴ heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. Go not forth into the field, ²⁵ nor walk by the way; for *there is* the sword of the enemy, *and* terror on every side. O daughter ²⁶ of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. I ²⁷ have made thee a ¹tower *and* a fortress among my people; that thou mayest know and try their way. They are all grievous revolters, ²⁸ going about with slanders; they are brass and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. The ²⁹ bellows ²blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away. Refuse silver ³⁰ shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

¹ Or, *trier*

² Or, *are burned*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the ¹ **7** LORD, saying, Stand in the gate of the LORD's ² house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ³ Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not ⁴ in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, are these. For if ye throughly amend ⁵ your ways and your doings; if ye throughly

execute judgement between a man and his
 6 neighbour; if ye oppress not the stranger, the
 fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent
 blood in this place, neither walk after other gods
 7 to your own hurt: then will I cause you to
 dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to
 your fathers, from of old even for evermore.
 8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot
 9 profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adul-
 tery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto
 Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye have
 10 not known, and come and stand before me in
 this house, ¹which is called by my name, and
 say, We are delivered; that ye may do all these
 11 abominations? Is this house, which is called
 by my name, become a den of robbers in your
 eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, saith the
 12 LORD. But go ye now unto my place which
 was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to
 dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for
 13 the wickedness of my people Israel. And now,
 because ye have done all these works, saith the
 LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early
 and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called
 14 you, but ye answered not: therefore will I do
 unto the house, which is called by my name,
 wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I
 gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done
 15 to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight,
 as I have cast out all your brethren, even the
 whole seed of Ephraim.
 16 Therefore pray not thou for this people,
 neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither
 make intercession to me: for I will not hear
 17 thee. Seest thou not what they do in the cities
 18 of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The
 children gather wood, and the fathers kindle
 the fire, and the women knead the dough, to

¹ Heb. where-
upon my name
is called.

make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Do they provoke me ¹⁹ to anger? saith the LORD; *do they not provoke themselves*, to the confusion of their own faces? Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, ²⁰ mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of ²¹ Israel: Add your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye flesh. For I spake not ²² unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: but this ²³ thing I commanded them, saying, Hearken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, ²⁴ but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your ²⁵ fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: yet they hearkened not unto me, nor ²⁶ inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.

And thou shalt speak all these words unto ²⁷ them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. And thou shalt say unto them, This is the ²⁸ nation that hath not hearkened to the voice of the LORD their God, nor received ¹instruction: ²truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

¹Or, *correction*

²Or,
faithfulness

29 Cut off ¹thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. ¹ Heb. *thy crown*.

30 For the children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by

31 my name, to defile it. And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded not, neither came it into my ²mind. ² Heb. *heart*.

32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in

33 Topheth, ³till there be no place *to bury*. And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the ³ Or, *because there shall be no place else*

34 earth; and none shall fray them away. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride: for the land shall become a waste.

8 ¹ At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of

2 their graves: and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the

3 face of the earth. And death shall be chosen

rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? shall one turn away, and not return? Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repenteth him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one ¹turneth to his course, as a horse that rusheth headlong in the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the ²ordinance of the LORD. How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes hath ³wrought falsely. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what manner of wisdom is in them? Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall possess them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. ⁴And they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. I will utterly consume them, saith the LORD: 13

¹ Or, *turneth away in his course*

² Or, *judgement*

³ Or, *made of it falsehood*

⁴ See ch. vi. 14, 15.

- there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and ¹*the things that* I have given them shall pass away ¹ Or, *I have appointed them those that shall pass over them*
- 14 from them. Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us ²be silent there: for the LORD our God hath ³put us to silence, and given us water of ⁴gall to drink, because we ⁴ See Deut. xxix. 18.
- 15 have sinned against the LORD. We looked for peace, but no good came; *and* for a time of
- 16 healing, and behold dismay! The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembleth; for they are come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and those
- 17 that dwell therein. For, behold, I will send serpents, ⁵basilisks, among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you, saith the LORD. ⁵ Or, *adders*
- 18 Oh that I could comfort myself against
- 19 sorrow! my heart is faint within me. Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people ⁶from a land that is very far off: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her King in her? ⁶ Or, *because of*
- Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?
- 20 The harvest is past, the ⁷summer is ended, and ⁷ Or, *in-gathering of summer fruits*
- 21 we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt: I am ⁸black; astonish- ⁸ Or, *mourning*
- 22 ment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the ⁹health of the daughter of my people ⁹ Or, *healing*
- ¹⁰ recovered? ¹⁰ Or, *perfected*
- 9 1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes ¹¹ Heb. *gone up.*
- a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and ¹¹ Or, *Oh that I were in the wilderness, in &c.*
- night for the slain of the daughter of my ¹² [Ch. viii. 23 in Heb.]
- 2 people! ¹¹ Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging- ¹² [Ch. ix. 1 in Heb.]
- place of wayfaring men; that I might leave

my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. And they bend their tongue *as it were* their ³ bow for falsehood; and they are grown strong in the land, but not for ¹truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD. Take ye heed every one of his ⁴ neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will go about with slanders. And they will ²deceive every one his neigh- ⁵ bour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Thine ⁶ habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

¹ Or,
faithfulness

² Or, *mock*

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, ⁷ Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how *else* should I do, because of the daughter of my people? Their tongue is a deadly ⁸ arrow; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for him. Shall I not ⁹ visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

For the mountains will I take up a weep- ¹⁰ ing and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none passeth through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled, they are gone. And I will make ¹¹ Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant. Who is the wise man, ¹² that may understand this? and *who is* he to

whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it? wherefore is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none passeth through?

- 13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked
14 therein; but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim,
15 which their fathers taught them: therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of ¹gall to
16 drink. I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

¹ See ch. viii.

¹⁴

- 17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the cunning women,
18 that they may come: and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out
19 with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because ²they have cast down our dwellings.

² Or, *our dwellings have cast us out*

- 20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every
21 one her neighbour lamentation. For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from without,
22 *and* the young men from the streets. Speak. Thus saith the LORD, The carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather *them*.

Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise ²³ man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches : but let him that glorieth ²⁴ glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving-kindness, judgement, and righteousness, in the earth : for in these things I delight, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, ²⁵ that I will punish all them which are circumcised in *their* uncircumcision ; Egypt, and ²⁶ Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners *of their hair* polled, that dwell in the wilderness : for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh ¹ **10** unto you, O house of Israel : thus saith the ² LORD, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven ; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the ¹customs ³ of the peoples are vanity : for ²one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with ⁴ silver and with gold ; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are like ⁵ a ³palm tree, of turned work, and speak not : they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them ; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good. There is ⁶ none like unto thee, O LORD ; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would ⁷ not fear thee, O King of the nations ? for ⁴to thee doth it appertain : forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like unto thee. But ⁸ they are ⁵together brutish and foolish : ⁶the

¹Heb. *statutes*.

² Or, it is but a tree which one cutteth

³ Or, *pillar in a garden of cucumbers*
See Baruch vi. 70.

⁴ Or, *it besemeth thee*

⁵ Or, *through one thing*

⁶ Or, it is a doctrine of vanities

- 9 instruction of idols, it is but a stock. There is silver beaten into plates which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from ¹Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all
 10 the work of cunning men. But the LORD is ²the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation.
- 11 ³Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, ⁴these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.
- 12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the
 13 heavens: ⁵when he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
- 14 Every man ⁶is become brutish *and is* without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They
 15 are vanity, a work of ⁷delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.
- 17 Gather up ⁸thy wares out of the land, ⁹O thou that abidest in the siege. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will
 10 distress them, that they may ¹⁰feel it. Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is *my* ¹¹grief, and I must bear it.

¹ According to some ancient versions, *Ophir*.

² Or, *God in truth*

³ This verse is in Aramaic.

⁴ Or, *they shall...under these heavens*

⁵ Or, *at the sound of his giving an abundance of waters...when he causeth &c. or, he causeth &c.*

⁶ Or, *is too brutish to know*

⁷ Or, *mockery*

⁸ Or, *thy bundle from the ground*

⁹ Or, *O inhabitant* (Heb. *inhabitant*) *of the fortress*

¹⁰ Heb. *find*.

¹¹ Or, *sickness*

My tent is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: 20
 my children are gone forth of me, and they are
 not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any
 more, and to set up my curtains. For the 21
 shepherds are become brutish, and have not
 inquired of the LORD: therefore they have not
 prospered, and all their flocks are scattered.
 The voice of a rumour, behold it cometh, and a 22
 great commotion out of the north country, to
 make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling
 place of jackals. O LORD, I know that the 23
 way of man is not in himself: it is not in man
 that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, 24
 correct me, but with judgement; not in thine
 anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Pour 25
 out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee
 not, and upon the families that call not on thy
 name: for they have devoured Jacob, yea, they
 have devoured him and consumed him, and
 have laid waste his habitation.

¹ Or, *dealt
wisely*

² Heb.
diminish me.

³ See Ps.
lxxix. 6, 7.

⁴ Or, *pasture*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, 11
 saying, Hear ye the words of this 2
 covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah,
 and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say 3
 thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God
 of Israel: Cursed be the man that heareth not
 the words of this covenant, which I commanded 4
 your fathers in the day that I brought them
 forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron
 furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them,
 according to all which I command you: so shall
 ye be my people, and I will be your God: that 5
 I may establish the oath which I swear unto
 your fathers, to give them a land flowing with
 milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered
 I, and said, Amen, O LORD.

And the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all 6
 these words in the cities of Judah, and in the

streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words
 7 of this covenant, and do them. For I earnestly
 protested unto your fathers in the day that I
 brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even
 unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying,
 8 Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor
 inclined their ear, but walked every one in the
 stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I
 brought upon them all the words of this
 covenant, which I commanded them to do, but
 they did them not.

9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy
 is found among the men of Judah, and among
 10 the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned
 back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which
 refused to hear my words; and they are gone
 after other gods to serve them: the house of
 Israel and the house of Judah have broken
 my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will
 bring evil upon them, which they shall not be
 able to escape; and they shall cry unto me, but

12 I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the
 cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 go and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer
 incense: but they shall not save them at all

13 in the time of their ¹trouble. For according to
 the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah;
 and according to the number of the streets of
 Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the ²shameful
 thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither
 lift up cry nor prayer for them: for I will not
 hear them in the time that they cry unto me
³for their ¹trouble.

15 ⁴What hath my beloved to do in mine house,
 seeing she hath wrought lewdness *with* many,
 and the holy flesh is passed from thee? ⁵when

¹ Heb. *evil*.

² Heb.

shame.

See ch. iii. 24.

³ Many ancient
 authorities
 have, *in the*
time of.

⁴ The text is
 obscure. The
 Sept. renders
 thus: *Why*
hath the be-
loved wrought
abomination
in my house?

Shall vows
and holy flesh
take away
from thee thy
wickednesses,
or shall thou
escape by these?

⁵ Or,
when thine
evil cometh

thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. The LORD 16
called thy name, A green olive tree, fair with
goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult
he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches
of it are broken. For the LORD of hosts, that 17
planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee,
because of the evil of the house of Israel and
of the house of Judah, which they have wrought
for themselves in provoking me to anger by
offering incense unto Baal.

And the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and 18
I knew it: then thou shewedst me their doings.
But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to 19
the slaughter; and I knew not that they had
devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us
destroy the tree with the ¹fruit thereof, and let
us cut him off from the land of the living, that
his name may be no more remembered. But, 20
O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that
triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy
vengeance on them: for unto thee have I
revealed my cause. Therefore thus saith the 21
LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, that
seek thy life, saying, Thou shalt not prophesy
in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by
our hand: therefore thus saith the LORD of 22
hosts, Behold, I will ²punish them: the young
men shall die by the sword; their sons and their
daughters shall die by famine; and there shall 23
be no remnant unto them: for I will bring evil
upon the men of Anathoth, ³even the year of
their visitation.

Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead 1 12
with thee: yet would I ⁴reason the cause with
thee: wherefore doth the way of the wicked
prosper? wherefore are all they at ease that
deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted 2
them, yea, they have taken root; they grow,

¹ Heb. *bread*.

² Heb. *visit*
upon.

³ Or, *in the*
year

⁴ Heb. *speak*
judgements.

yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in
 3 their mouth, and far from their reins. But thou,
 O LORD, knowest me; thou seest me, and triest
 mine heart toward thee: pull them out like
 sheep for the slaughter, and ¹prepare them for ¹Heb.
 4 the day of slaughter. How long shall the land *sanctify.*
 mourn, and the herbs of the whole country
 wither? for the wickedness of them that dwell
 therein, the beasts are consumed, and the birds;
 because they said, He shall not see our latter
 5 end. If thou hast run with the footmen, and
 they have wearied thee, then how canst thou
 contend with horses? and though in a land of
 peace thou art secure, yet how wilt thou do in
 6 the ²pride of Jordan? For even thy brethren, ²Or, *swelling*
 and the house of thy father, even they have
 dealt treacherously with thee; even they have
 cried aloud after thee: believe them not, though
 they speak ³fair words unto thee. ³Heb. *good*
 7 I have forsaken mine house, I have cast off *things.*
 mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved
 8 of my soul into the hand of her enemies. Mine
 heritage is become unto me as a lion in the
 forest: she hath uttered her voice against me;
 9 therefore I have hated her. Is mine heritage
 unto me as a speckled bird of prey? are the
 birds of prey against her round about? go ye,
 assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them
 10 to devour. Many shepherds have destroyed
 my vineyard, they have trodden my portion
 under foot, they have made my pleasant portion
 11 a desolate wilderness. They have made it a
 desolation; it mourneth unto me, being desol-
 ate; the whole land is made desolate, because
 12 no man layeth it to heart. Spoilers are come
 upon all the bare heights in the wilderness: for
 the sword of the LORD devoureth from the one
 end of the land even to the other end of the

¹ Or, *be ye
ashamed*
Or, *they shall
be ashamed*

land: no flesh hath peace. They have sown ¹³
wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put
themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and ¹ye
shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the
fierce anger of the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil ¹⁴
neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I
have caused my people Israel to inherit: Be-
hold, I will pluck them up from off their land,
and will pluck up the house of Judah from
among them. And it shall come to pass, after ¹⁵
that I have plucked them up, I will return and
have compassion on them; and I will bring them
again, every man to his heritage, and every man
to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they ¹⁶
will diligently learn the ways of my people, to
swear by my name, As the LORD liveth; even
as they taught my people to swear by Baal;
then shall they be built up in the midst of my
people. But if they will not hear, then will I ¹⁷
pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying
it, saith the LORD.

Thus said the LORD unto me, Go, and buy ¹ **13**
thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins,
and put it not in water. So I bought a girdle ²
according to the word of the LORD, and put it
upon my loins. And the word of the LORD ³
came unto me the second time, saying, Take ⁴
the girdle that thou hast bought, which is upon
thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide
it there in a hole of the rock. So I went, and ⁵
hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded
me. And it came to pass after many days, that ⁶
the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates,
and take the girdle from thence, which I com-
manded thee to hide there. Then I went to ⁷
Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from
the place where I had hid it: and, behold,

the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is profitable for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear. Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Every ¹bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not know that every ¹bottle shall be filled with wine? Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit ²upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.

¹ Or, jar

² Heb. for David upon his throne.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory to the LORD your God, before ³he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the ⁴dark mountains; and, while ye look for light, he turn it into ⁵the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep

³ Or, it grew dark

⁴ Heb. mountains of twilight.

⁵ Or, deep darkness.

¹ Or, *Sit ye down low*

² Or, *your beautiful crown*

³ Or, *What wilt thou say, when he shall visit thee, seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee, even thy friends to be head over thee?*

⁴ Or, *multitude*

⁵ Heb. *taught*.

⁶ Or, *unto*

⁷ Or, *before*

sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is taken captive. Say thou unto the king and to the queen-mother, ¹Humble yourselves, sit down: for your headtires are come down, even ²the crown of your glory. The cities ¹⁹ of the South are shut up, and there is none to open them: Judah is carried away captive all of it; it is wholly carried away captive.

Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come ²⁰ from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? ³What wilt thou ²¹ say, when he shall set *thy* friends over thee as head, seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee? shall not sorrows take hold of thee, as of a woman in travail? And if thou say in ²² thine heart, Wherefore are these things come upon me? for the ⁴greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels suffer violence. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, ²³ or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are ⁵accustomed to do evil. There- ²⁴ fore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passeth away, ⁶by the wind of the wilderness. This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee ²⁵ from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. There- ²⁶ fore will I also discover thy skirts ⁷upon thy face, and thy shame shall appear. I have seen ²⁷ thine abominations, even thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah **14** concerning the drought.

Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof ² languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. And ³

- their nobles send their ¹little ones ²to the waters: they come to the pits, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty: they are ashamed and confounded, and cover
 4 their heads. Because of the ground which is ³chapt, for that no rain hath been in the land, ³Or, *dismayed*
 the plowmen are ashamed, they cover their
 5 heads. Yea, the hind also in the field calveth, and forsaketh *her young*, because there is no
 6 grass. And the wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like ⁴jackals; their ⁴Or, *the crocodile*
 eyes fail, because there is no herbage.
 7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work thou for thy name's sake, O LORD: for our
 backslidings are many; we have sinned against
 8 thee. O thou hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why shouldest thou be
 as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man that ⁵turneth aside to tarry for a night? ⁵Or, *spreadeth his tent*
 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O
 LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.
 10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not
 refrained their feet: therefore the LORD doth not accept them; now will he remember their
 11 iniquity, and visit their sins. And the LORD said unto me, Pray not for this people for *their*
 12 good. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and
⁶oblation, I will not accept them: but I will ⁶Or, *meal offering*
 consume them by the sword, and by the famine,
 13 and by the pestilence. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye
 shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you ⁷assured peace in ⁷Heb. *peace of truth*.
 14 this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The

prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them: they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their own heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the 15 prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the people 16 to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. And thou shalt say this word 17 unto them, Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous wound. If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain 18 with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold ¹them that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest ²go about ³in the land and have no knowledge.

¹ Heb. *the sicknesses of famine.*

² Or, *traffic*
³ Or, *into a land that they know not*

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy 19 soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and behold dismay! We ⁴acknowledge, 20 O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. Do not ⁵abhor *us*, for thy name's sake; do not 21 disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. Are there any 22 among the vanities of the heathen that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore

⁴ Or, *know*

⁵ Or, *contemn*

we will wait upon thee ; for thou hast ¹made all these things. ¹ Or, *done*

- 15 ¹ Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people : cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth ? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD : Such as are for death, to death ; and such as are for the sword, to the sword ; and such as are for the famine, to the famine ; ³ and such as are for captivity, to captivity. And I will appoint over them four ²kinds, saith the LORD : the sword to slay, and the dogs to ³tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of ⁴the earth, to devour and to destroy. And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for ⁵that which he did in Jerusalem. For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem ? or who shall bemoan thee ? or who shall turn aside to ask of ⁶thy welfare ? Thou hast rejected me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward : therefore have I stretched out my hand against thee, and destroyed thee ; I am weary with repenting. And I have fanned them with a fan in the gates of the land ; I have bereaved *them* of children, I have destroyed my people ; they have not ⁸turned from their ways. Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas : I have brought upon them ⁴against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday : I have caused anguish and terrors to fall upon her ⁹suddenly. She that hath borne seven languisheth ; she hath given up the ghost ; her sun is gone down while it was yet day ; she hath been ashamed and confounded : and the residue of

² Heb. families.

³ Heb. drag.

⁴ Or, *against the mother and the young men*

them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne ¹⁰ me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent on usury, neither have men lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me. The LORD said, ¹¹ Verily ¹I will ²strengthen thee for good; verily ³I will cause the enemy to make supplication unto thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

¹ The Vulgate has, *thy remnant shall be for good.*

² Another reading is, *release.*

³ Or, *I will intercede for thee with the enemy*

⁴ Or, *Can iron break iron from &c.*

⁵ Or, *I will make thine enemies to pass into &c.*

According to some ancient authorities, *I will make thee to serve thine enemies in a land &c.* See ch. xvii. 4.

⁴Can one break iron, even iron from the ¹² north, and brass? Thy substance and thy ¹³ treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. And ⁵I will make *them* to pass with thine ¹⁴ enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and ¹⁵ visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach. Thy ¹⁶ words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. I sat not in the assembly ¹⁷ of them that make merry, nor rejoiced: I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain per- ¹⁸ petual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful *brook*, as waters that ⁶fail?

⁶ Heb. *are not sure.*

Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou re- ¹⁹ turn, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: they shall return unto thee, but thou

- 20 shalt not return unto them. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save
 21 thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.
- 16 1 The word of the LORD came also unto me, 2 saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. 3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that 4 begat them in this land: They shall die ¹of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of 5 heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even loving-kindness and tender mercies. Both great and 6 small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for 7 them: neither shall men ²break *bread* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8 And thou shalt not go into the house of feasting 9 to sit with them, to eat and to drink. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place,
- ¹ Heb. *deaths of sicknesses.*
² See Is. lviii. 7.

before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; and ye have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto me: therefore will I cast you forth out of this land into the land that ye have not known, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; ¹for I will shew you no favour.

¹ Or, *where*

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, As the LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, As the LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from mine

18 eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; ¹because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled mine inheritance with
 19 their abominations. O LORD, my strength, and my strong hold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nought but lies, *even* vanity and
 20 things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make unto himself gods, which yet are no gods?
 21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah.

¹ Or, because they have polluted my land: they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable things and their abominations

17 ¹ The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the
 2 horns of ²your altars; whilst their children remember their altars and their ³Asherim by the green
 3 trees upon the high hills. O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil, and thy high places, because
 4 of sin, throughout all thy borders. And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn for ever.

² Another reading is, *their*.

³ See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

5 Thus saith the LORD: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and
 6 whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like ⁴the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land
 7 and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose ⁵hope the LORD
 8 is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the

⁴ Or, a *tamarisk*

⁵ Heb. *trust*.

¹ According to another reading, *see*.

² Or, *sitteth on eggs which she hath not laid*

³ Or, *he shall leave them*

waters, and that spreadeth out his roots by the river, and shall not ¹fear when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all ⁹ things, and it is desperately sick: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, ¹⁰ even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. As the ¹¹ partridge ²that gathereth *young* which she hath not brought forth, so is he that getteth riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days ³they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

⁴ Some ancient versions read, *the judgement day of man.*

⁵ Heb. *break them with a double breach.*

⁶ Or, *the common people*
See ch. xxvi.

^{23.}

A glorious throne, *set* on high from the begin- ¹² ning, is the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the ¹³ hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed; they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, ¹⁴ O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. Behold, ¹⁵ they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now. As for me, I have not ¹⁶ hastened from being a shepherd after thee; neither have I desired ⁴the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before thy face. Be not a terror unto me: thou ¹⁷ art my refuge in the day of evil. Let them be ¹⁸ ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be ashamed; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and ⁵destroy them with double destruction.

Thus said the LORD unto me: Go, and stand ¹⁹ in the gate of ⁶the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; and say unto them, Hear ye the ²⁰ word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all

- Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 21 that enter in by these gates; thus saith the
 LORD: Take heed ¹to yourselves, and bear no
 burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by ¹*Or, for your*
 22 the gates of Jerusalem; neither carry forth a ^{life's sake}
 burden out of your houses on the sabbath day,
 neither do ye any work: but hallow ye the
 sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers;
 23 but they hearkened not, neither inclined their
 ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might
 not hear, and might not receive instruction.
 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently
 hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in
 no burden through the gates of this city on the
 sabbath day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to
 25 do no work therein; then shall there enter in by
 the gates of this city kings and princes sitting
 upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and
 on horses, they, and their princes, the men of
 Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and
 26 this city shall ²remain for ever. And they shall
 come from the cities of Judah, and from the ²*Or, be*
 places round about Jerusalem, and from the *inhabited*
 land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from
 the mountains, and from the South, bringing
 burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and ³oblations, and
 frankincense, and bringing *sacrifices of thanks-*
 27 giving, unto the house of the LORD. But if ye
 will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath
 day, and not to bear a burden and enter in at
 the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then
 will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it
 shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it
 shall not be quenched.

- 18 ¹ The word which came to Jeremiah from the
² LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's
 house, and there I will cause thee to hear my
³ words. Then I went down to the potter's

house, and, behold, he wrought his work on the wheels. And when the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. But they say, There is no hope: for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart.

Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ask ye now among the nations, who hath heard such things; the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? or shall the cold waters that flow down from afar be dried up? For my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths,

¹Or, of strange lands that flow down be &c.

² Or, plucked up

16 to walk in bypaths, in a way not cast up; to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will ¹look upon their back, and not their face, in the day of their calamity.

¹ Or, *show them the back, and not the face*

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before thee to speak good for them, to turn away thy fury from them. Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, *and* their young men smitten of the sword in battle. Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight: but let them be ²overthrown before thee; deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.

² Heb. *made to stumble.*

19 ¹ Thus said the LORD, Go, and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of ³the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee:

³ Or, *the gate of potsherd's*

and say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings 3
of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the
which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.
Because they have forsaken me, and have 4
estranged this place, and have burned incense
in it unto other gods, whom they knew not, they
and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and
have filled this place with the blood of innocents;
and have built the high places of Baal, to burn 5
their sons in the fire for burnt offerings unto
Baal; which I commanded not, nor spake it,
neither came it into my ¹mind: therefore, behold, 6
the days come, saith the LORD, that this place
shall no more be called Topheth, nor The
valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of
Slaughter. And I will ²make void the counsel 7
of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I
will cause them to fall by the sword before their
enemies, and by the hand of them that seek
their life: and their carcasses will I give to be
meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the
beasts of the earth. And I will make this city 8
an astonishment, and an hissing; every one that
passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss
because of all the plagues thereof. And I will 9
cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the
flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every
one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in
the straitness, wherewith their enemies, and
they that seek their life, shall straiten them.
Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of 10
the men that go with thee, and shalt say unto 11
them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Even so
will I break this people and this city, as one
breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made
whole again: and they shall bury in Topheth,

¹ Heb. *heart*.² Heb. *empty out*.

¹² ¹till there be no place to bury. Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Topheth: and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

¹ Or, *because there shall be no place else*

¹⁴ Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said ¹⁵ to all the people: Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they might not hear my words.

20 ¹ Now Pashhur the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, ² heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of the LORD. ³ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashhur, but ²Magor-misabib. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. ⁵ Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, yea, all the treasures of the kings

² That is, *Terror on every side.*

of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity : and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

¹ Or, *enticed*

O LORD, thou hast ¹deceived me, and I was 7
deceived : thou art stronger than I, and hast
prevailed : I am become a laughingstock all
the day, every one mocketh me. For as often 8
as I speak, I cry out ; I cry, Violence and spoil :
because the word of the LORD is made a re-
proach unto me, and a derision, all the day.
And if I say, I will not make mention of him, 9
nor speak any more in his name, then there is
in mine heart as it were a burning fire shut up
in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing,
and I cannot *contain*. For I have heard the 10
defaming of many, terror on every side. De-
nounce, and we will denounce him, *say* all my
familiar friends, they that watch for my halting ;
peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall
prevail against him, and we shall take our re-
venge on him. But the LORD is with me as a 11
mighty one *and* a terrible : therefore my perse-
cutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail :
they shall be greatly ashamed, because they
have not ²dealt wisely, even with an everlasting
dishonour which shall never be forgotten. But, 12
O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, that
seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy
vengeance on them ; for unto thee have I re-
vealed my cause. Sing unto the LORD, praise 13
ye the LORD : for he hath delivered the soul
of the needy from the hand of evil-doers.

² Or,
prospered

Cursed be the day wherein I was born : let 14

not the day wherein my mother bare me be
 15 blessed. Cursed be the man who brought
 tidings to my father, saying, A man child is
 16 born unto thee; making him very glad. And
 let that man be as the cities which the LORD
 overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear
 a cry in the morning, and ¹shouting at noon-
 17 tide; because he slew me not from the womb; ¹ Or, *an alarm*
 and so my mother should have been my grave,
 18 and her womb always great. Wherefore came
 I forth out of the womb to see labour and
 sorrow, that my days should be consumed with
 shame?

- 21 ¹ The word which came unto Jeremiah from
 the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him
 Pashhur the son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah
 2 the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, In-
 quire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for
 Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war
 against us: peradventure the LORD will deal
 with us according to all his wondrous works,
 that he may go up from us.
- 3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall
 4 ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the LORD, the
 God of Israel, Behold, I will turn back the
 weapons of war that are in your hands, where-
 with ye fight against the king of Babylon, and
 against the Chaldeans which besiege you, with-
 out the walls, and I will gather them into the
 5 midst of this city. And I myself will fight
 against you with an outstretched hand and with
 a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and
 6 in great wrath. And I will smite the inhabit-
 ants of this city, both man and beast: they
 7 shall die of a great pestilence. And after-
 ward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah
 king of Judah, and his servants, and the people,
 even such as are left in this city from the

pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. And unto this people 8 thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. He that abideth in this city shall die 9 by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth away to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. For I have set my face upon this city 10 for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

And touching the house of the king of Judah, 11 hear ye the word of the LORD: O house of 12 David, thus saith the LORD, Execute judgement in the morning, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of ¹your doings. Behold, I 13 am against thee, O ²inhabitant of the valley, ³and of the rock of the plain, saith the LORD; ye which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? and I 14 will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is round about her.

Thus said the LORD: Go down to the house 1 22 of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of 2 Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that

¹ Another reading is, *their*.

² Heb. *inhabitantess*.

³ Or, and *rock*

- 3 enter in by these gates. Thus saith the LORD:
 Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and
 deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the
 oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence,
 to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow,
 4 neither shed innocent blood in this place. For
 if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there
 enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting
 'upon the throne of David, riding in chariots
 and on horses, he, and his servants, and his
 5 people. But if ye will not hear these words, I
 swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house
 6 shall become a desolation. For thus saith the
 LORD ²concerning the house of the king of ² Or, unto
 Judah: Thou art Gilead unto me, *and* the head
 of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a
 wilderness, *and* cities which are not inhabited.
 7 And I will ³prepare destroyers against thee. ³ Heb.
 every one with his weapons: and they shall cut *sanctify*.
 down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the
 8 fire. And many nations shall pass by this city,
 and they shall say every man to his neighbour,
 Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this
 9 great city? Then they shall answer, Because
 they forsook the covenant of the LORD their
 God, and worshipped other gods, and served
 them.
 10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan
 him: but weep sore for him that goeth away;
 for he shall return no more, nor see his native
 11 country. For thus saith the LORD touching
 'Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, which
 reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went
 forth out of this place: He shall not return
 12 thither any more; but in the place whither
 they have led him captive, there shall he die,
 and he shall see this land no more.
 13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by

¹ Heb. *for David upon his throne.*

² Or, *unto*

³ Heb. *sanctify.*

⁴ In 2 Kings xxiii. 30, *Jehoahaz.* Compare 1 Chr. iii. 15.

unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not his hire; that saith, I will ¹⁴ build me a wide house and spacious chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt ¹⁵ thou reign, because thou ¹strivest to excel in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgement and justice? then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and ¹⁶ needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? saith the LORD. But thine eyes and thine ¹⁷ heart are not but for thy ²covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. Therefore thus saith the ¹⁸ LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! He shall be buried with the ¹⁹ burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up ²⁰ thy voice in Bashan; and cry from Abarim; for all thy lovers are destroyed. I spake unto ²¹ thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. The ²² wind shall ³feed all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. O ⁴inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest ²³ thy nest in the cedars, ⁵how greatly to be pitied shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail! As I live, saith ²⁴ the LORD, though ⁶Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; and I ²⁵

¹ Or, *wrest with the cedar*

² Or, *dishonest gain*

³ Or, *feed upon*

⁴ Heb. *inhabitantress*.

⁵ Some ancient versions have, *how wilt thou groan*.

⁶ In ch. xxiv. i, and i Chr. iii. 16,

Jeconiah.
In 2 Kings xxiv. 6, 8,
Jehoiachin.

will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them of whom thou art afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of
 26 the Chaldeans. And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto ¹their soul longeth to
 28 return, thither shall they not return. Is this man Coniah a despised broken ²vessel? is he a

vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into
 29 the land which they know not? O ³earth, earth,
 30 earth, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

23 ¹ Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the

² LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds that feed my people: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings,

³ saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and
 4 multiply. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, saith the LORD.

⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous ⁴'Branch, and he shall reign as king and ⁵deal wisely, and shall execute judgement and justice in the
 6 land. In his days Judah shall be saved, and

¹ Heb. they lift up their soul.

² Or, pot

³ Or, land

⁴ Or, Shoot
Or, Bud

⁵ Or, prosper

¹ Or, *The LORD our righteousness*

² See ch. xvi. 14, 15.

Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, ¹The LORD is our righteousness. ²Therefore, behold, the days 7 come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, As the LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, 8 As the LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Concerning the prophets. Mine heart within 9 me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome; because of the LORD, and because of his holy words. For the land is full of 10 adulterers; for because of ³swearing the land mourneth; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up; and their course is evil, and their force is not right. For both prophet and priest 11 are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. Wherefore 12 their way shall be unto them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, ⁴even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. And I have seen folly in the prophets of 13 Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. In the prophets of 14 Jerusalem also I have seen an horrible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies, and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them become unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

³ Or, *the curse*

⁴ Or, *in the year*

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts con- 15 cerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the

water of ¹gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they teach you vanity: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the

17 mouth of the LORD. They say continually unto them ²that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart

18 they say, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the council of the LORD, that he should perceive and hear his word? who

19 hath marked ³my word, and heard it? Behold, the tempest of the LORD, *even his* fury, is gone forth, yea, a whirling tempest: it shall burst

20 upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have ⁴executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall ⁵under-

21 stand it perfectly. I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I spake not unto them, yet they

22 prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their

23 evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a

24 God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have

26 dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies; even the prophets of the deceit

27 of their own heart? which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their

¹ See ch. viii. 14.

² According to the Sept., *that despise the word of the Lord, Ye &c.*

³ Another reading is, *his*.

⁴ Or, *done* it

⁵ Or, *consider*

fathers forgat my name for Baal. The prophet ²⁸ that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as fire? ²⁹ saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, ³⁰ saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the ³¹ prophets, saith the LORD, that ¹use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them ³² that prophesy lying dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; neither shall they profit this people at all, saith the LORD. And when this people, or the ³³ prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? then shalt thou ²say unto them, ³What burden! I will cast you off, saith the LORD. And as for the ³⁴ prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. Thus ³⁵ shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention ³⁶ no more: for every man's own word ⁴shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, ³⁷ What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken? But if ye say, ³⁸ The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD: Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you,

¹ Heb. take.

² Or, tell them what the burden is

³ The Sept. and Vulgate have, Ye are the burden.

⁴ Or, is his burden, and ye pervert &c.

saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the
 39 LORD ; therefore, behold, I will ¹utterly forget
 you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I
 gave unto you and to your fathers, away from
 40 my presence : and I will bring an everlasting
 reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame,
 which shall not be forgotten.

¹ Or, accord-
 ing to some
 ancient
 authorities,
lift you up

24 1 The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two
 baskets of figs set before the temple of the
 LORD ; after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
 lon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son
 of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes
 of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from
 Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.
 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that
 are first ripe: and the other basket had very bad
 figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.
 3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou,
 Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very
 good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be
 4 eaten, they are so bad. And the word of the
 5 LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the
 LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs,
 so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I
 have sent out of this place into the land of the
 6 Chaldeans, for good. For I will set mine eyes
 upon them for good, and I will bring them
 again to this land: and I will build them, and
 not pull them down; and I will plant them, and
 7 not pluck them up. And I will give them an
 heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and
 they shall be my people, and I will be their
 God: for they shall return unto me with their
 8 whole heart. And as the bad figs, which cannot
 be eaten, they are so bad; surely thus saith the
 LORD, So will I give up Zedekiah the king
 of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of
 Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them

¹ Or, *a terror*
unto

that dwell in the land of Egypt: I will even ⁹
give them up to be ¹tossed to and fro among
all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be
a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse,
in all places whither I shall drive them. And ¹⁰
I will send the sword, the famine, and the
pestilence, among them, till they be consumed
from off the land that I gave unto them and
to their fathers.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning ¹ **25**
all the people of Judah in the fourth year of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah; the
same was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king
of Babylon; the which Jeremiah the prophet ²
spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: From the ³
thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon,
king of Judah, even unto this day, these three
and twenty years, the word of the LORD hath
come unto me, and I have spoken unto you,
rising up early and speaking; but ye have not
hearkened. And the LORD hath sent unto you ⁴
all his servants the prophets, rising up early and
sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor
inclined your ear to hear; saying, Return ye ⁵
now every one from his evil way, and from the
evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that
the LORD hath given unto you and to your
fathers, from of old and even for evermore:
and go not after other gods to serve them, ⁶
and to worship them, and provoke me not to
anger with the work of your hands; and I will
do you no hurt. Yet ye have not hearkened ⁷
unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke
me to anger with the work of your hands to
your own hurt. Therefore thus saith the LORD ⁸
of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words,
behold, I will send and take all the families of ⁹

- the north, saith the LORD, and *I will send* unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will ¹utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.
- 10 Moreover I will ²take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of
- 11 the candle. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy
- 12 years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it ³desolate
- 13 for ever. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.
- 14 For many nations and great kings ⁴shall serve themselves of them, even of them: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.
- 15 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto me: Take the cup of the wine of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom
- 16 I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.
- 17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the
- 18 LORD had sent me: *to wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an

¹ Heb. *devote*.² Heb. *cause to perish from them*.³ Heb. *everlasting desolations*.⁴ Or, *have served themselves* or, *made bondmen*

astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it
 is this day; Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his ¹⁹
 servants, and his princes, and all his people;
 and all the mingled people, and all the kings of ²⁰
 the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of
 the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and
 Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; Edom, and ²¹
 Moab, and the children of Ammon; and all the ²²
 kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and
 the kings of the ¹isle which is beyond the sea;
 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have ²³
 the corners *of their hair* polled; and all the ²⁴
 kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled
 people that dwell in the wilderness; and all the ²⁵
 kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and
 all the kings of the Medes; and all the kings of ²⁶
 the north, far and near, one with another; and all
 the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the
 face of the earth: and the king of ²Sheshach
 shall drink after them. And thou shalt say unto ²⁷
 them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
 of Israel: Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue,
 and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword
 which I will send among you. And it shall ²⁸
 be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand
 to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus
 saith the LORD of hosts: Ye shall surely drink.
 For, lo, I begin to work evil at the city ²⁹
 which is called by my name, and should ye
 be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be un-
 punished: for I will call for a sword upon all
 the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD
 of hosts. Therefore prophesy thou against ³⁰
 them all these words, and say unto them, The
 LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his
 voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily
 roar against his ³fold; he shall give a shout,
 as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the

¹ Or,
coastland

² According
 to ancient
 tradition, a
 cypher for
Babel.
 See ch. li. 41.

³ Or, *pasture*

- 31 inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, saith the LORD.
- 32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost
- 33 parts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground.
- 34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in ashes*, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter are fully come, and I will break you in pieces, and ye shall fall
- 35 like a pleasant vessel. And ²the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of
- 36 the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the howling of the principal of the flock! for the LORD layeth waste their
- 37 pasture. And the peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of the
- 38 LORD. He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is become an astonishment because of ³the fierceness of the oppressing sword, and because of his fierce anger.
- 26 ¹ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word
- ² from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them;
- ³ keep not back a word. It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil, which

¹ Or, and I will disperse you
Many ancient versions read, and your dispersions.

² Heb. flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escape from &c.

³ Or, according to some ancient authorities, the oppressing sword
See ch. xlv. 16.

I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say 4 unto them, Thus saith the LORD: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, to hearken to the 5 words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, even rising up early and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; then will 6 I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. And the priests and the prophets and all the 7 people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And it came to 8 pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why 9 hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered unto Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

And when the princes of Judah heard these 10 things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's *house*. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto 11 the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes 12 and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your 13 doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil

- 14 that he hath pronounced against you. But
 as for me, behold, I am in your hand : do with
 15 me as is good and right in your eyes. Only
 know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death,
 ye shall bring innocent blood upon your-
 selves, and upon this city, and upon the in-
 habitants thereof : for of a truth the LORD hath
 sent me unto you to speak all these words in
 16 your ears. Then said the princes and all the
 people unto the priests and to the prophets :
 This man is not worthy of death ; for he hath
 spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.
 17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the
 land, and spake to all the assembly of the
 18 people, saying, ¹Micaiah the Morashtite pro-
 phesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah ;
 and he spake to all the people of Judah, saying,
 Thus saith the LORD of hosts : ²Zion shall be
 plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become
 heaps, and the mountain of the house as the
 19 high places of a forest. Did Hezekiah king
 of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death ?
 did he not fear the LORD, and intreat the favour
 of the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the
 evil which he had pronounced against them ?
 Thus should we commit great evil against our
 20 own souls. And there was also a man that pro-
 phesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the
 son of Shemaiah of Kiriath-jearim ; and he pro-
 phesied against this city and against this land
 21 according to all the words of Jeremiah : and
 when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty
 men, and all the princes, heard his words, the
 king sought to put him to death ; but when
 Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and
 22 went into Egypt : and Jehoiakim the king
 sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the
 son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into

¹ Another reading is. *Micah*. See *Micah* i. 1.

² See *Micah* iii. 12.

Egypt: and they fetched forth Uriah out ²³ of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the ²⁴ common people. But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

¹ Heb. *sons of the people*.

² Properly, *Zedekiah*, as in some ancient authorities. See vv. 3, 12, 20, ch. xxviii. 1.

³ See Lev. xxvi. 13.

In the beginning of the reign of ²Jehoiakim **1 27** the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Thus ² saith the LORD to me: Make thee bands and ³ bars, and put them upon thy neck; and send ³ them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; and give them a charge unto their masters, ⁴ saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say unto your masters; I have made the earth, the man and the beast ⁵ that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seemeth right unto me. And ⁶ now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him. And all the nations ⁷ shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. And it shall come to pass, that ⁸ the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the

famine, and with the pestilence, until I have
9 consumed them by his hand. But as for you,
hearken ye not to your prophets, nor to your
diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your sooth-
sayers, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto
you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of
10 Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you, to
remove you far from your land; and that I
11 should drive you out and ye should perish. But
the nation that shall bring their neck under the
yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him,
that *nation* will I let remain in their own land,
saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell
therein.

12 And I spake to Zedekiah king of Judah ac-
cording to all these words, saying, Bring your
necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon,
13 and serve him and his people, and live. Why
will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword,
by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the
LORD hath spoken concerning the nation that
14 will not serve the king of Babylon? And
hearken not unto the words of the prophets
that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve
the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie
15 unto you. For I have not sent them, saith the
LORD, but they prophesy falsely in my name;
that I might drive you out, and that ye might
perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto
16 you. Also I spake to the priests and to all this
people, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Hearken
not to the words of your prophets that prophesy
unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the
LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again
from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of
Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city
18 become a desolation? But if they be prophets,

and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the 19 pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of 21 Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: They shall be 22 carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

And it came to pass the same year, in the 1 **28** beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, Thus speaketh the 2 LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within 3 two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: and I 4 will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went to Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

- 5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood
6 in the house of the LORD, even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon unto this place. Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in
8 the ears of all the people: The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of
9 pestilence. The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known,
10 ¹that the LORD hath truly sent him. Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off
11 the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. And the prophet Jeremiah
12 went his way. Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck
13 of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast broken the bars of wood; but thou shalt
14 make in their stead bars of iron. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the
15 field also. Then said the prophet Jeremiah

¹ Or, whom the LORD hath truly sent

unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; the LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore 16 thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against the LORD. So Hananiah the prophet 17 died the same year in the seventh month.

Now these are the words of the letter that 1 **29**
Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen- 2 mother, and the eunuchs, *and* the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) by 3 the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) saying, Thus saith the 4 LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem unto Babylon: Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant 5 gardens, and eat the fruit of them; take ye 6 wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply ye there, and be not diminished. And seek the peace of the city 7 whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. For thus 8 saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets that be in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you, neither hearken

- ye to your dreams which ye ¹cause to be dreamed. ¹ Or, *dream*
- 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name:
- 10 I have not sent them, saith the LORD. For thus saith the LORD, After seventy years be accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to
- 11 return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you ²hope in ² Heb. *a latter end and hope.*
- 12 your latter end. And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will
- 13 hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all
- 14 your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD, and I will ³turn again your captivity, ³ Or, *return to* and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again unto the place whence I caused you to be
- 15 carried away captive. For ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon.
- 16 For thus saith the LORD concerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you
- 17 into captivity; thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so
- 18 bad. And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be ⁴tossed to and fro ⁴ Or, *a terror unto* among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I
- 19 have driven them: because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising

up early and sending them ; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. Hear ye therefore the ²⁰ word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of ²¹ Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name : Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon ; and he shall slay them before your eyes ; and of them shall be ²² taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire : because ²³ they have wrought folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I commanded them not ; and I am he that knoweth, and am witness, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, *unto*

And ²⁴ concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite thou shalt speak, saying, Thus speaketh the ²⁵ LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thine own name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, The LORD hath made ²⁶ thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldst put him ²⁷ in the stocks and in ² shackles. Now therefore, why hast thou not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you, forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, ²⁸ saying, *The captivity is long* : build ye houses, and dwell in them ; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them ? And Zephaniah the priest ²⁹

² Or, *the collar*

read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the
30 prophet. Then came the word of the LORD
31 unto Jeremiah, saying, Send to all them of the
captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD con-
cerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because
that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I
sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust
32 in a lie; therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold,
I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his
seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among
this people, neither shall he behold the good
that I will do unto my people, saith the LORD:
because he hath spoken rebellion against the
LORD.

30 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the
2 LORD, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD, the
God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words
3 that I have spoken unto thee in a book. For,
lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will
1 turn again the captivity of my people Israel ^{1 Or, return to}
and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause
them to return to the land that I gave to their
fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these are the words that the LORD spake
5 concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For
thus saith the LORD: We have heard a voice of
6 trembling, ^{2 Or, there is} of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye
now, and see whether a man doth travail with
child: wherefore do I see every man with his
hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and
7 all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for
that day is great, so that none is like it: it is
even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall
8 be saved out of it. And it shall come to pass
in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will
break his yoke from off thy neck, and will
burst thy bands; and strangers shall no more
9 serve themselves of him: but they shall serve
<sup>2 Or, there is
fear, and no
peace</sup>

the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. Therefore ¹⁰ fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with ¹¹ thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee with judgement, and will in no wise ¹leave thee unpunished.

¹ Or, hold thee
guiltless

For thus saith the LORD, Thy hurt is incur- ¹²
able, and thy wound grievous. There is none to ¹³
plead ²thy cause, ³that thou mayest be bound up:
thou hast no healing medicines. All thy lovers ¹⁴
have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I
have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy,
with the chastisement of a cruel one; for the
⁴greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins
were increased. Why criest thou ⁵for thy hurt? ¹⁵
thy pain is incurable: for the ⁴greatness of thine
iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have
done these things unto thee. Therefore all ¹⁶
they that devour thee shall be devoured; and
all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall
go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall
be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I
give for a prey. For I will restore ⁶health unto ¹⁷
thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith
the LORD; because they have called thee an
⁷outcast, saying, It is Zion, whom no man ⁷seek-
eth after. Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will ¹⁸
⁸turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and
have compassion on his dwelling places; and the
city shall be builded upon her own ⁹heap, and

² Or, thy cause:
for thy wound
thou hast no
medicines nor
plaister

³ Heb. for
closing up,
or, pressing.

⁴ Or, multitude

⁵ Or, for thy
hurt, because
thy pain is
incurable?

⁶ See ch. viii.
²².

⁷ Or, careth for

⁸ Or, return to

⁹ Or, mound
Heb. tel.

the palace shall ¹remain after the manner there-
 19 of. And out of them shall proceed thanks-
 giving and the voice of them that make merry:
 and I will multiply them, and they shall not be
 20 few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not
 be small. Their children also shall be as afore-
 time, and their congregation shall be established
 before me, and I will punish all that oppress
 21 them. And their prince shall be of themselves,
 and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of
 them; and I will cause him to draw near, and
 he shall approach unto me: for who is he that
²hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith
 22 the LORD. And ye shall be my people, and I
 will be your God.

¹ Or, *be*
inhabited

² Heb. *hath*
been surety for
his heart.

23 ³Behold, the tempest of the LORD, *even his*
 fury, is gone forth, a ⁴sweeping tempest: it shall
 24 burst upon the head of the wicked. The fierce
 anger of the LORD shall not return, until he
 have executed, and till he have performed the
 intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall
 understand it.

³ See ch. xxiii.
 19, 20.

⁴ Or,
gathering

31 ¹ At that time, saith the LORD, will I be the
 God of all the families of Israel, and they shall
 2 be my people. Thus saith the LORD, The
 people which were left of the sword ⁵found grace
 in the wilderness; even Israel, ⁶when I went to
 3 cause him to rest. The LORD appeared ⁷of old
 unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with
 an everlasting love: therefore ⁸with loving-
 4 kindness have I drawn thee. Again will I build
 thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel:
 again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets,
 and shalt go forth in the dances of them that
 5 make merry. Again shalt thou plant vineyards
 upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters
 shall plant, and shall ⁹enjoy *the fruit thereof*.
 6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen

⁵ Or, *have*
found...when
I go

⁶ Or, *when he*
went to find
him rest

⁷ Or, *from afar*

⁸ Or, *have I*
continued
lovingkindness
unto thee

⁹ Heb. *pro-*
fane, or, *make*
common. See
 Lev. xix. 23—
 25; Deut. xx.
 6, xxviii. 30.

¹ Or, *at the head*

² Or, *bring them unto*

upon the hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD, Sing with ⁷ gladness for Jacob, and shout ¹for the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north coun- ⁸ try, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall they return hither. They shall come with ⁹ weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will ²cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, ¹⁰ and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD ¹¹ hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. And ¹² they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together unto the goodness of the LORD, to the corn, and to the wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, ¹³ and the young men and the old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the ¹⁴ priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD: A voice is heard in ¹⁵ Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel

- weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are
- 16 not. Thus saith the LORD: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of
- 17 the enemy. And there is hope for thy latter end, saith the LORD; and *thy* children shall
- 18 come again to their own border. I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*, Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf unaccustomed *to the yoke*: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.
- 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.
- 20 Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels ¹are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.
- 21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-posts: set thine heart toward the high way, even the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
- 22 How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall encompass a man.
- 23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall ²bring again their captivity: The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, O
- 24 mountain of holiness. And Judah and all the cities thereof shall dwell therein together; the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks.

¹ Heb. *somit*.² Or, *return to*

For I have satiated the weary soul, and every ²⁵
 sorrowful soul have I replenished. Upon this ²⁶
 I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet
 unto me. Behold, the days come, saith the ²⁷
 LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and
 the house of Judah with the seed of man, and
 with the seed of beast. And it shall come to ²⁸
 pass, that like as I have watched over them to
 pluck up and to break down, and to overthrow
 and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch
 over them to build and to plant, saith the LORD.
 In those days they shall say no more, The ²⁹
 fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's
 teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die ³⁰
 for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the
 sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ³¹
 I will make a new covenant with the house of
 Israel, and with the house of Judah: not ac- ³²
 cording to the covenant that I made with their
 fathers in the day that I took them by the hand
 to bring them out of the land of Egypt; ¹which
 my covenant they brake, although I was ²an
 husband unto them, saith the LORD. But this ³³
 is the covenant that I will make with the house
 of Israel after those days, saith the LORD; I
 will put my law in their inward parts, and in
 their heart will I write it; and I will be their
 God, and they shall be my people: and they ³⁴
 shall teach no more every man his neighbour,
 and every man his brother, saying, Know the
 LORD: for they shall all know me, from the
 least of them unto the greatest of them, saith
 the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and
 their sin will I remember no more. Thus saith ³⁵
 the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by
 day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the
 stars for a light by night, which ³stirreth up the

¹ Or, *foras-*
much as they
brake my
covenant

² Or, *lord over*
them

³ Or, *stilleth*
the sea, when
&c.

See Is. li. 15.

sea, that the waves thereof roar ; the LORD of
36 hosts is his name : If these ordinances depart
from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed
of Israel also shall cease from being a nation
37 before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD : If
heaven above can be measured, and the founda-
tions of the earth searched out beneath, then
will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all
38 that they have done, saith the LORD. Behold,
the days come, saith the LORD, that the city
shall be built to the LORD from the tower of
39 Hananel unto the gate of the corner. And the
measuring line shall yet go out straight onward
unto the hill Gareb, and shall turn about unto
40 Goah. And the whole valley of the dead bodies,
and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the
brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse
gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the
LORD ; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown
down any more for ever.

32 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the
LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of
Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebu-
2 chadrezzar. Now at that time the king of Baby-
lon's army besieged Jerusalem : and Jeremiah
the prophet was shut up in the court of the
guard, which was in the king of Judah's house.
3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up,
saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say,
Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this
city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and
4 he shall take it ; and Zedekiah king of Judah
shall not escape out of the hand of the Chal-
deans, but shall surely be delivered into the
hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak
with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall
5 behold his eyes ; and he shall lead Zedekiah to
Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him,

saith the LORD : though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper ?

And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD 6
came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanamel the 7
son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto
thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth : for the right of redemption is thine to
buy it. So Hanamel mine uncle's son came to 8
me in the court of the guard according to the
word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my
field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is
in the land of Benjamin : for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine ;
buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was
the word of the LORD. And I bought the field 9
that was in Anathoth of Hanamel mine uncle's
son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the 10
deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and
weighed him the money in the balances. So I 11
took the deed of the purchase, both that which
was sealed, ¹*according to* the law and custom,
and that which was open : and I delivered the 12
deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of
Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of
Hanamel mine uncle's son, and in the presence
of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the
purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the
court of the guard. And I charged Baruch 13
before them, saying, Thus saith the LORD of 14
hosts, the God of Israel : Take these deeds,
this deed of the purchase, both that which is
sealed, and this deed which is open, and put
them in an earthen vessel ; that they may continue many days. For thus saith the LORD of 15
hosts, the God of Israel : Houses and fields
and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this
land.

¹ Or, containing the terms and conditions

- 16 Now after I had delivered the deed of the
purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I
17 prayed unto the LORD, saying, Ah Lord GOD!
behold, thou hast made the heaven and the
earth by thy great power and by thy stretched
out arm; there is nothing too ¹hard for thee: ¹Or,
18 which shewest mercy unto thousands, and re- ^{wonderful}
compensest the iniquity of the fathers into the
bosom of their children after them: the great,
the mighty God, the LORD of hosts is his name:
19 great in counsel, and mighty in work: whose
eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of
men; to give every one according to his ways,
20 and according to the fruit of his doings: which
didst set signs and wonders in the land of
Egypt, even unto this day, ²both in Israel and ²Or, and
among *other* men; and madest thee a name, as
21 at this day; and didst bring forth thy people
Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and
with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with
22 a stretched out arm, and with great terror; and
gavest them this land, which thou didst swear
to their fathers to give them, a land flowing
23 with milk and honey; and they came in, and
possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice,
neither walked in thy law; they have done no-
thing of all that thou commandedst them to do:
therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come
24 upon them: behold the mounts, they are come
unto the city to take it; and the city is given
into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against
it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and
of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is
25 come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. And
thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy thee
the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas
the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
26 Then came the word of the LORD unto

Jeremiah, saying, Behold, I am the LORD, the 27
God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard
for me?

Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I 28
will give this city into the hand of the Chal-
deans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon, and he shall take it: and the 29
Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall
come and set this city on fire, and burn it,
with the houses, upon whose roofs they have
offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink
offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to
anger. For the children of Israel and the 30
children of Judah have only done that which
was evil in my sight from their youth: for the
children of Israel have only provoked me to
anger with the work of their hands, saith the
LORD. For this city hath been to me a pro- 31
vocation of mine anger and of my fury from
the day that they built it even unto this day;
that I should remove it from before my face:
because of all the evil of the children of Israel 32
and of the children of Judah, which they have
done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings,
their princes, their priests, and their prophets,
and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem. And they have turned unto me 33
the back, and not the face: and though I taught
them, rising up early and teaching them, yet
they have not hearkened to receive instruction.
But they set their abominations in the house 34
which is called by my name, to defile it. And 35
they built the high places of Baal, which are in
the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their
sons and their daughters to pass through *the*
fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not,
neither came it into my ¹mind, that they should
do this abomination; to cause Judah to sin.

¹ Heb. *heart*.

36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the
God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof
ye say, It is given into the hand of the king
of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine,
37 and by the pestilence: Behold, I will gather
them out of all the countries, whither I have
driven them in mine anger, and in my fury,
and in great wrath; and I will bring them
again unto this place, and I will cause them
38 to dwell safely: and they shall be my people,
39 and I will be their God: and I will give them
one heart and one way, that they may fear me
for ever; for the good of them, and of their
40 children after them: and I will make an ever-
lasting covenant with them, that I will not turn
away ¹from them, to do them good; and I will
put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not
41 depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them
to do them good, and I will plant them in this
land ²assuredly with my whole heart and with
42 my whole soul. For thus saith the LORD:
Like as I have brought all this great evil upon
this people, so will I bring upon them all the
43 good that I have promised them. And fields
shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It
is desolate, without man or beast; it is given
44 into the hand of the Chaldeans. Men shall buy
fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and
seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of
Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem,
and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of
the hill country, and in the cities of the lowland,
and in the cities of the South: for I will cause
their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

¹ Heb. *from*
after them.

² Heb. *in*
truth.

33 ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet
² shut up in the court of the guard, saying, Thus
saith the LORD that doeth it, the LORD that

formeth it to establish it; the LORD is his name: Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will ³ shew thee great things, and ¹difficult, which thou knowest not. For thus saith the LORD, ⁴ the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down *to make a defence* against the mounts, and against the sword: They ⁵ come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city. Behold, I will bring it ²health and ⁶ cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal unto them abundance of peace and truth. And ⁷ I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them ⁸ from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And *this city* shall be to me for a name of ⁹ joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure unto it. Thus saith the LORD: ¹⁰ Yet again there shall be heard in this place, whereof ye say, It is waste, without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the ¹¹ voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that say, Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and of them* that

¹ Heb. *fenced in*.

² Or, *healing*

bring *sacrifices of* thanksgiving into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, saith the LORD.

- 12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, an habitation of shepherds causing
13 their flocks to lie down. In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks again pass under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

- 14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days,
15 and at that time, will I cause a ¹Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgement and righteousness in the
16 land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is *the name* whereby she shall be called, ²The LORD is
17 our righteousness. For thus saith the LORD:

- ³David shall never want a man to sit upon the
18 throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn ⁴oblations,
19 and to do sacrifice continually. And the word
20 of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD: If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there should not be day and night in their
21 season; then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the
22 Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host

¹ See ch. xxiii.

5.

² See ch. xxiii.
6.

³ Heb. *There shall not be cut off from David.*

⁴ Or, *meal offerings*

of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. And the word of the LORD ²³ came to Jeremiah, saying, Considerest thou not ²⁴ what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD did choose, he hath cast them off? thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith the LORD: If my covenant ²⁵ of day and night *stand* not, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and ²⁶ of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will ¹cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.

¹ Or, *return to their captivity*

The word which came unto Jeremiah from ¹ **34** the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying: Thus saith ² the LORD, the God of Israel, Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: and thou shalt not escape ³ out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. Yet hear the word of the ⁴ LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah: thus saith the LORD concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; thou shalt die in peace; and with ⁵ the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they ²make

² See 2 Chr. xvi. 14, xxi. 19.

- a burning for thee; and they shall lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have spoken the word, 6 saith the LORD. Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of 7 Judah in Jerusalem, when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these *alone* remained of the cities of Judah *as* fenced cities.
- 8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at 9 Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; that every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother: 10 and all the princes and all the people obeyed, which had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more; they obeyed, and 11 let them go: but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for hand- 12 maids: therefore the word of the LORD came 13 to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of 14 the house of ¹bondage, saying, At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is an Hebrew, which ²hath been sold unto thee, and hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither 15 inclined their ear. And ye were now turned,

¹ Heb.
bondmen.

² Or, *hath*
sold himself

and had done that which is right in mine eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: but ye ¹⁶ turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and ye brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ye have not ¹⁷ hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim unto you a liberty, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be ¹⁸ tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, ²when they cut the calf in twain and passed between the parts thereof; the princes of Judah, and the princes ¹⁹ of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf; I will even give them into ²⁰ the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. And Zedekiah ²¹ king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you. Behold, I will command, saith ²² the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

¹ Or, a terror
unto

² Heb. *the calf*
which they
cut &c.

35 ¹ The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the ¹ Heb. *threshold.* door: and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, for ever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn.

⁸ And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem.

Then came the word of the LORD unto ¹² Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ¹³ the God of Israel: Go, and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD. The words of Jonadab ¹⁴ the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed, and unto this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment: but I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; and ye have not hearkened unto me. I have sent also unto you ¹⁵ all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. For- ¹⁶asmuch as the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people hath not hearkened unto me; therefore ¹⁷ thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. And Jeremiah said ¹⁸ unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he commanded you; therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God ¹⁹ of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

36 ¹ And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the

² LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah,

³ even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive

⁴ their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him,

⁵ upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am ¹shut up; I cannot

⁶ go into the house of the LORD: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon ²the fast day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of

⁷ their cities. It may be ³they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pro-

⁸ nounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

⁹ Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem, proclaimed a

¹ Or, *restrained*

² Or, *a fast day*

³ Heb. *their supplication will fall*.

fast before the LORD. Then read Baruch in the 10
book the words of Jeremiah in the house of
the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the
son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court,
at the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S
house, in the ears of all the people. And 11
when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son
of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the
words of the LORD, he went down into the 12
king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo,
all the princes sat there, even Elishama the
scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and
Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah
the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of
Hananiah, and all the princes. Then Micaiah 13
declared unto them all the words that he had
heard, when Baruch read the book in the
ears of the people. Therefore all the princes 14
sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of
Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, say-
ing, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou
hast read in the ears of the people, and come.
So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in
his hand, and came unto them. And they 15
said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in
our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears.
Now it came to pass, when they had heard 16
all the words, they turned in fear one toward
another, and said unto Baruch, We will surely
tell the king of all these words. And they 17
asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst
thou write all these words at his mouth? Then 18
Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these
words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote
them with ink in the book. Then said the 19
princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and
Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.
And they went in to the king into the court; 20

- but they had laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the
21 words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside
22 the king. Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month: and *there was a fire in the*
23 *brasier* burning before him. And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four ¹leaves, ¹ Or, *columns that *the king* cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brasier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in
24 the brasier. And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his
25 servants that heard all these words. Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.
26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel ²the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them. ² Or, *the son of Hammelech*
27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth
28 of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king
29 of Judah hath burned. And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from
30 thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith*

the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his seed and ³¹ his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they hearkened not. Then took Jeremiah another ³² roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

¹ See ch. xxii.
²⁴.

And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as ¹ **37** king, instead of ¹ Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. But neither he, nor ² his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the ³ son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. Now Jeremiah came in and went out ⁴ among the people: for they had not put him into prison. And Pharaoh's army was come ⁵ forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they brake up from Jerusalem. Then came the ⁶ word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: ⁷ Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help

- you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.
- 8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and
- 9 burn it with fire. Thus saith the LORD: Deceive not ¹yourself, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not
- 10 depart. For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but ²wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.
- 11 And it came to pass that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem
- 12 for fear of Pharaoh's army, then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion ³there, in the
- 13 midst of the people. And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou
- 14 fallest away to the Chaldeans. Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans; but he hearkened not to him: so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him
- 15 to the princes. And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for
- 16 they had made that the prison. When Jeremiah was come into the ⁴dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there
- 17 many days; then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is. He said also, Thou shalt be delivered into the hand
- 18 of the king of Babylon. Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, Wherein have I

¹ Heb. *your souls.*

² Heb. *thrust through.*

³ Heb. *from thence.*

⁴ Or, *house of the pit*

sinned against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? Where now are your prophets which¹⁹ prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? And now hear, I pray thee, O my²⁰ lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee,¹ be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. Then Zedekiah the²¹ king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard, and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and¹ **38** Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah spake unto all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD, He² that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey, and he shall live. Thus saith the LORD, This city³ shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. Then the princes said unto the king, Let this⁴ man, we pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. And Zedekiah the king⁵ said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing against you. Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into⁶ the² dungeon of Malchiah³ the king's son, that

¹ Heb. *fall*.

² Or, *fit*

³ Or, *the son of Hammelech*

was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: and Jeremiah
7 sank in the mire. Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, an eunuch, which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the
8 dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,
9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and ¹he is like to die in the place where he
is because of the famine: for there is no more
10 bread in the city. Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from
hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before
11 he die. So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts
and old rotten rags, and let them down by
12 cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags
under thine armholes under the cords. And
13 Jeremiah did so. So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court
of the guard.
14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king
said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide
15 nothing from me. Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou
not surely put me to death? and if I give thee
16 counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me. So

¹ Heb. *he is dead.*

Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life. Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, ¹⁷ Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel : If thou wilt go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire ; and thou shalt live, and thine house : but if thou wilt ¹⁸ not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. And ¹⁹ Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. But Jeremiah said, They ²⁰ shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, in that which I speak unto thee : so it shall be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. But if thou refuse to go forth, ²¹ this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me : Behold, all the women that are left in the king ²² of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, ¹Thy familiar friends have ²set thee on, and have prevailed over thee : *now that* thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned away back. And they shall bring out all thy wives ²³ and thy children to the Chaldeans : and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon : and ³thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire. Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man ²⁴ know of these words, and thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I have talked with ²⁵ thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto

¹ Heb. *The men of thy peace.*

² Or, *deceived thee*

³ Heb. *thou shalt burn &c.*

thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king; hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death: also what the king said
 26 unto thee: then thou shalt say unto them, I
 1 presented my supplication before the king, that
 he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's
 27 house, to die there. Then came all the princes
 unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them
 according to all these words that the king had
 commanded. So they left off speaking with
 28 him; for the matter was not ²perceived. So ²Or, reported
 Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard until
 the day that Jerusalem was taken.

And it came to pass when Jerusalem was
 39 ¹taken, ³(in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of
 Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchad-
 rezzar king of Babylon and all his army against
 2 Jerusalem, and besieged it; in the eleventh year
 of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day
 of the month, a breach was made in the city:)
 3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came
 in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-
 sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, ⁴Rab-saris,
 Nergal-sharezer, ⁴Rab-mag, with all the rest
 4 of the princes of the king of Babylon. And it
 came to pass that when Zedekiah the king of
 Judah and all the men of war saw them, then
 they fled, and went forth out of the city by night,
 by the way of the king's garden, by the gate
 betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way
 5 of the Arabah. But the army of the Chaldeans
 pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in
 the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken
 him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar
 king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Ha-
 6 math, and he ⁵gave judgement upon him. Then ⁵Heb. spoke
 the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah ^{judgements}
 in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of ^{with him.}
 See ch. xii. 1.

¹ Heb. caused
to fall.

² Or, reported

³ See ch. lii. 4,
&c., 2 Kings
xxv. 1—12.

⁴ Titles of
officers.

⁵ Heb. spoke
judgements
with him.
See ch. xii. 1.

Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. More-⁷
 over he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him
 in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. And the 8
 Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the
 houses of the people, with fire, and brake down
 the walls of Jerusalem. Then Nebuzaradan the 9
¹captain of the guard carried away captive into
 Babylon the residue of the people that remained
 in the city, the deserters also, that fell away to
 him, and the residue of the people that remained.
 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left ¹⁰
 of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in
 the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and
 fields at the same time. Now Nebuchadrezzar ¹¹
 king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jerem-
 iah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard,
 saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do ¹²
 him no harm ; but do unto him even as he shall
 say unto thee. So Nebuzaradan the captain of ¹³
 the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rab-saris,
 and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the
 chief officers of the king of Babylon ; they sent, ¹⁴
 and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard,
 and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of
 Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry
 him home : so he dwelt among the people.

Now the word of the LORD came unto Jerem-¹⁵
 iah, while he was shut up in the court of the
 guard, saying, Go, and speak to Ebed-melech ¹⁶
 the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of
 hosts, the God of Israel : Behold, I will bring
 my words upon this city for evil, and not for
 good ; and they ²shall be accomplished before
 thee in that day. But I will deliver thee in ¹⁷
 that day, saith the LORD : and thou shalt not
 be given into the hand of the men of whom
 thou art afraid. For I will surely save thee, ¹⁸
 and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy

¹ See Gen.
xxxvii. 36.

² Or, *shall be*
before thee

life shall be for a prey unto thee : because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

- 40 ¹ The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, which
² were carried away captive unto Babylon. And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God pronounced this
³ evil upon this place: and the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he spake; because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come
⁴ upon you. And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and ¹convenient
⁵ unto thee to go, thither go. Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, *said he*, to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth ¹convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him ²victuals and a present, and
⁶ let him go. Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.
- ⁷ ³Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women,

¹ Or, *right*² Or, *an allowance*³ See 2 Kings XXV. 23, 24.

¹ Or, *even*

and children, ¹and of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. As for me, behold, I will dwell ¹⁰ at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans, which shall come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken. Likewise when all the Jews that were ¹¹ in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; then all the Jews returned out of all ¹² places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and ¹³ all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, and said ¹⁴ unto him, Dost thou know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take thy life? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to ¹⁵ Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: where-

fore should he take thy life, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

- 41 ¹ Now it came to pass in the seventh month, ¹ See 2 Kings
that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of XXV. 25.
Elishama, of the seed royal, and *one of* the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together
2 in Mizpah. Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor
3 over the land. Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found
4 there, even the men of war. And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah,
5 and no man knew it, that there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with ²oblations and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.
6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of
7 Ahikam. And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were
8 with him. But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for

² Or, *meal offerings*

we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren. Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all the dead ⁹ bodies of the men whom he had slain, by the side of Gedaliah, (the same was that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel,) Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain. Then Ishmael carried away ¹⁰ captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and ¹¹ all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, then they took all the ¹² men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. Now it came to pass that ¹³ when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael ¹⁴ had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son of Ne- ¹⁵ thaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. Then ¹⁶ took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even the men of war,

and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from
 17 Gibeon : and they departed, and dwelt in
 1 Geruth Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to
 18 go to enter into Egypt, because of the Chal-
 deans : for they were afraid of them, because
 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedal-
 iah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of
 Babylon made governor over the land.

¹ Or, *the
lodging place
of Chimham*

42 1 Then all the captains of the forces, and
 Johanan the son of Kareah, and ²Jezaniah the
 son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the
 2 least even unto the greatest, came near, and
 said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we pray
 thee, our supplication ³be accepted before thee,
 and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even
 for all this remnant ; for we are left but a few
 3 of many, as thine eyes do behold us : that the
 LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein
 we should walk, and the thing that we should
 4 do. Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto
 them, I have heard you ; behold, I will pray
 unto the LORD your God according to your
 words ; and it shall come to pass that what-
 soever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will
 declare it unto you ; I will keep nothing back
 5 from you. Then they said to Jeremiah, The
 LORD be a true and faithful witness ⁴amongst
 us, if we do not even according to all the word
 wherewith the LORD thy God shall send thee
 6 to us. Whether it be good, or whether it be
 evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our
 God, to whom we send thee ; that it may be
 well with us, when we obey the voice of the
 LORD our God.

² In ch. xliii. 2,
Azariah.

³ Heb. *fall.*

⁴ Or, *against*

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the
 8 word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah. Then
 called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all

the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to ¹present your supplication before him : If ye will still abide in this land, then will I ¹⁰ build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up : for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. Be ¹¹ not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid ; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD : for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. And I will grant you ¹² mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. But if ¹³ ye say, We will not dwell in this land ; so that ye obey not the voice of the LORD your God ; saying, No ; but we will go into the land of ¹⁴ Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread ; and there will we dwell : now therefore hear ye ¹⁵ the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah : thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there ; then it shall come to ¹⁶ pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are afraid, ²shall follow hard after you there in Egypt ; and there ye shall die. So shall it be with all the men that set ¹⁷ their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there ; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence : and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, ¹⁸ the God of Israel ; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my fury be poured forth

¹ Or, *lay*

² Heb. *shall cleave after you.*

upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see
19 this place no more. The LORD hath spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have
20 testified unto you this day. For ye have dealt deceitfully ¹against your own souls; for ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare
21 unto us, and we will do it: and I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God in any thing for the
22 which he hath sent me unto you. Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn there.

¹ Or, in your souls

43 1 And it came to pass that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, wherewith the LORD their God had sent him to them, even
2 all these words, then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Egypt to
3 sojourn there: but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captives to
4 Babylon. So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in
5 the land of Judah. But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned

from all the nations whither they had been driven to sojourn in the land of Judah; the 6 men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; and they came into the 7 land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: and they came even to Tahpanhes. Then came the word of the LORD 8 unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, Take 9 great stones in thine hand, and ¹hide them in mortar in the brickwork, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; and say unto them, Thus 10 saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his ²royal pavilion over them. And he shall come, and shall smite the land of 11 Egypt; such as are for death *shall be given* to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the 12 gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. He shall also break the 13 ³pillars of ⁴Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.

¹ Or, *lay them with mortar in the pavement* (or *square*)

² Or, *glittering*

³ Or, *obelisks*

⁴ Or, *The house of the sun*
Probably, *Heliopolis*
or *On*.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning 1 **44**
all the Jews which dwelt in the land of Egypt, which dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

- 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought
upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of
Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desola-
3 tion, and no man dwelleth therein; because of
their wickedness which they have committed to
provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn
incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they
knew not, neither they, nor ye, nor your fathers.
4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the
prophets, rising up early and sending them,
saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that
5 I hate. But they hearkened not, nor inclined
their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn
6 no incense unto other gods. Wherefore my
fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was
kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets
of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate,
7 as it is this day. Therefore now thus saith the
LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel:
Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against
your own souls, to cut off from you man and
woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst of
8 Judah, to leave you none remaining; in that ye
provoke me unto anger with the works of your
hands, burning incense unto other gods in the
land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to sojourn;
that ye may be cut off, and that ye may be a
curse and a reproach among all the nations of
9 the earth? Have ye forgotten the wickedness
of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings
of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives,
and your own wickedness, and the wickedness
of your wives, which they committed in the
land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?
10 They are not humbled even unto this day,
neither have they feared, nor walked in my law,
nor in my statutes, that I set before you and

before your fathers. Therefore thus saith the ¹¹ LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. And I will take the remnant ¹² of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. For I will punish them that dwell ¹³ in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: so that none of the remnant of ¹⁴ Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they ¹ have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.

¹ Heb. *lift up their soul*.

Then all the men which knew that their wives ¹⁵ burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great assembly, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, As for the ¹⁶ word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly perform every word that ¹⁷ is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of ² victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. But since we left off to burn ¹⁸ incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out

² Heb. *bread*.

- drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword
 19 and by the famine. And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to 'worship her, and pour out drink offerings
 20 unto her, without our husbands? Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people which had
 21 given him that answer, saying, The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and
 22 came it not into his mind? so that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a
 23 curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day. Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as it is this day.
- 24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt:
 25 thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: establish then your vows,
 26 and perform your vows. Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the

¹ Or, *pourtray*

land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As the Lord GOD liveth. Behold, I watch over them ²⁷ for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. And they that escape ²⁸ the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs. And ²⁹ this shall be the sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: thus saith the LORD: Behold, I ³⁰ will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake ¹ **45** unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the ² LORD, the God of Israel, ¹unto thee, O Baruch: Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD ³ hath added sorrow to my pain; ²I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest. Thus ⁴ shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. And ⁵ seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh,

¹ Or,
concerning

² See Ps. vi. 6.

saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 ¹ The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

² Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaohneco king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

³ Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw
⁴ near to battle. Harness the horses, and get

up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats

⁵ of mail. Wherefore have I seen it? they are dismayed and are turned backward; and their

mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: terror is on every side, saith

⁶ the LORD. Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river

⁷ Euphrates have they stumbled and fallen. ¹Who is this that riseth up like the Nile, whose waters

⁸ toss themselves like the rivers? Egypt riseth up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves

like the rivers: and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and

⁹ the inhabitants thereof. Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men go

forth: Cush and Put, that handle the shield; and the Ludim, that handle and bend the bow.

¹⁰ For that day is *a day* of the Lord, the LORD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood: for the Lord, the LORD of hosts, hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river

¹¹ Euphrates. Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain dost thou

¹ Or, *Who is this like the Nile that riseth up, like the rivers whose waters toss themselves? Egypt is like the Nile that riseth up &c.*

use many medicines; there is no healing for thee. The nations have heard of thy shame, ¹² and the earth is full of thy cry: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah ¹³ the prophet, how that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, ¹⁴ and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand forth, and prepare thee; for the sword hath devoured round about thee. ¹⁵ Why are ¹⁵ thy strong ones swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did ²drive them. He made ¹⁶ many to stumble, yea, they fell one upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. They cried there, Pha- ¹⁷ raoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath let the appointed time pass by. As I live, saith ¹⁸ the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts, surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. ³O ¹⁹

thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt, ⁴furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabitant. Egypt is a very fair heifer; *but* ²⁰ ⁵destruction out of the north is come, ⁶it is come.

Also her hired men in the midst of her are like ²¹ calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of their visitation. ⁷The sound thereof ²² shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. They shall cut down her ²³ forest, saith the LORD, ⁸though it cannot be

¹ Or, according to some ancient authorities, *Why is thy strong one swept away? he stood not &c.*

² Or, thrust them down

³ Or, *O thou that dwellest with the daughter of Egypt*

⁴ Heb. *make thee vessels of captivity.*

⁵ Or, the gadfly

⁶ Or, according to many ancient authorities, *upon her*

⁷ Or, *Her sound is like that of the serpent as it goeth*

⁸ Or, for

- searched ; because they are more than the locusts,
 24 and are innumerable. The daughter of Egypt
 shall be put to shame ; she shall be delivered
 25 into the hand of the people of the north. The
 LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith : Be-
 hold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh,
 and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings ; even
 26 Pharaoh, and them that trust in him : and I
 will deliver them into the hand of those that
 seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebu-
 chadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand
 of his servants : and afterwards it shall be in-
 habited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.
 27 ¹ But fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, neither
 be dismayed, O Israel : for, lo, I will save thee
 from afar, and thy seed from the land of their
 captivity ; and Jacob shall return, and shall be
 quiet and at ease, and none shall make him
 28 afraid. Fear not thou, O Jacob my servant,
 saith the LORD ; for I am with thee : for I will
 make a full end of all the nations whither I have
 driven thee, but I will not make a full end of
 thee ; but I will correct thee with judgement, and
 will in no wise ² leave thee unpunished.

¹ See ch. xxx.
 10, 11.

² Or, *hold thee
 guiltless*

47 ¹ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah
 the prophet concerning the Philistines, before
 that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

- 2 Thus saith the LORD : Behold, waters rise
 up out of the north, and shall become an over-
 flowing stream, and shall overflow the land and
 all that is therein, the city and them that dwell
 therein : and the men shall cry, and all the in-
 3 habitants of the land shall howl. At the noise
 of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones,
 at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling
 of his wheels, the fathers look not back to their
 4 children for feebleness of hands ; because of
 the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines.

to cut off from Tyre and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the ¹isle of Caphtor. Baldness ⁵is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nought, the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself? O thou sword of the LORD, ⁶how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard; rest, and be still. How canst thou be quiet, seeing the LORD ⁷hath given ²thee a charge? against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore, there hath he appointed it.

Of Moab. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the ¹God of Israel: Woe unto Nebo! for it is laid waste; Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken: ²Misgab is put to shame and ⁴broken down. The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon ²they have devised evil against her, Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. Thou also, O Madmen, shalt be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue thee. The sound of a cry ³from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction! Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused ⁴a cry to be heard. ⁵For by the ascent of Luhith ⁵with continual weeping shall they go up; for in the going down of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction. Flee, save your lives, and be like ⁶the heath in ⁶the wilderness. For, because thou hast trusted ⁷in thy works and in thy treasures, thou also shalt be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together. And the spoiler shall come upon every ⁸city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and ⁷the plain shall be destroyed; as the LORD hath spoken. Give wings unto ⁹Moab, ⁸that she may fly and get her away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without

¹ Or, *sea coast*

² Heb. *it*.

³ Or, *the high fort*

⁴ Or, *dismayed*

⁵ See Is. xv. 5.

⁶ See ch. xvii. 6.

⁷ See Josh. xiii. 9, 17, 21.

⁸ Or, *for she must fly: and her cities &c.*

- 10 any to dwell therein. Cursed be he that doeth
 the work of the LORD ¹negligently, and cursed
 be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. ¹ Or, *deceitfully*
 11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he
 hath settled on his lees, and hath not been
 emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he
 gone into captivity: therefore his taste remaineth
 12 in him, and his scent is not changed. There-
 fore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
 that I will send unto him them that ²pour off,
 and they shall ²pour him off; and they shall empty
 his vessels, and break their ³bottles in pieces. ² Heb. *ti't*
 (a vessel). ³ Or, *jars*
 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as
 the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el
 14 their confidence. How say ye, We are mighty
 15 men, and valiant men for the war? Moab is laid
 waste, and ⁴they are gone up into her cities,
 and his chosen young men are gone down
 to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is
 16 the LORD of hosts. The calamity of Moab
 is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.
 17 All ye that are round about him, bemoan him,
 and all ye that know his name; say, How is
 18 the strong ⁵staff broken, the beautiful rod! O
 thou daughter that ⁶dweldest in Dibon, come
 down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the
 spoiler of Moab is come up against thee, he
 19 hath destroyed thy strong holds. O ⁷inhabitant
 of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy: ask him
 that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What
 20 hath been done? Moab is put to shame; for it
 is ⁸broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in
 21 Arnon, that Moab is laid waste. And judgement
 is come upon ⁹the plain country; upon Holon,
 22 and upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath; and
 upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-
 23 diblathaim; and upon Kiriathaim, and upon
 24 Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon; and upon

⁴ Or, *her cities
are gone up in
smoke*

⁵ Or, *sceptre*

⁶ Or, *art seated*

⁷ Heb.
inhabitrress.

⁸ Or, *dismayed*

⁹ See ver. 8.

Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. The ²⁵ horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD. Make ye him drunken; for he ²⁶ magnified himself against the LORD: and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. For was not Israel a derision ²⁷ unto thee? was he found among thieves? for as often as thou speakest of him, thou waggest the head. O ye inhabitants of Moab, leave the ²⁸ cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth. ¹We have heard of the pride ²⁹ of Moab, *that* he is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogancy, and the haughtiness of his heart. I know his wrath, ³⁰ saith the LORD, that it is nought; his boastings have wrought nothing. ²Therefore will I howl ³¹ for Moab; yea, I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir-heres shall they mourn. With ³² more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for thee, ³O vine of Sibmah: thy branches passed over the sea, they reached even to the sea of Jazer: upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage the spoiler is fallen. ⁴And gladness ³³ and joy is taken away, from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting. ⁵From the cry of Heshbon even unto ³⁴ Elealeh, even unto Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, ⁶to Eglath-shelishiyah: for the waters of Nimrim also shall become ⁷desolate. Moreover I will ³⁵ cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high place, and him that burneth incense to his gods. Therefore mine ³⁶ heart soundeth for Moab like pipes, and mine

¹ See Is. xvi.
6.

² See Is. xv.
5, xvi. 7, 11.

³ See Is. xvi.
8, 9.

⁴ See Is. xvi.
10.

⁵ See Is. xv.
4, &c.

⁶ Or, as
an heifer of
three years old
⁷ Heb.
desolations.

heart soundeth like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: therefore the abundance that he hath gotten is perished. For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. On all the housetops of Moab and in the streets thereof there is lamentation every where: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD. How is it broken down! ¹*how* ¹Or, *howl ye!* do they howl! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab become a derision and a dismaying to all that are round about him. For thus saith the LORD: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab. ²Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the LORD. ³Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD. He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon her, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. ⁴They that fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon: ⁵for a fire is gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and hath devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. Woe unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone: for thy sons are taken away captive, and thy daughters into captivity. Yet will I ⁶bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgement of Moab.

49 1 Of the children of Ammon. Thus saith

² Or, *The cities are taken*

³ See Is. xxiv. 17, 18.

⁴ Or, *Fleeing because of the force they stand under*

⁵ Or, *but* See Num. xxi. 28, 29.

⁶ Or, *return to*

the LORD: Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth ¹Malcam ²possess Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof? Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ²LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate ³heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel ²possess them that did ²possess him, saith the LORD. Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai ³is spoiled; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth: lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for ¹Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. ⁴Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy ⁴flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me? Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, ⁵saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, from all that are round about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather up him that wandereth. But ⁶afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, *their king*
² Or, *inherit*
³ See ch. xxx. 18.
⁴ Or, *Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys? thy valley floweth away*

Of Edom. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ⁷Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O ⁸inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I shall visit him. If grapegatherers came to thee, ⁹would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, would they not destroy till they had enough? But I have made Esau bare, I have ¹⁰uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not. Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve ¹¹

⁵ Or, *they will leave no gleaning grapes; if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough. For &c.*
 See Obad. 5.

- them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.
- 12 For thus saith the LORD: Behold, they ¹to whom it pertained not to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink.
- 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes. ²I have heard tidings from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations, and despised among men. As for thy terribleness, the pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of ³the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD. And Edom shall become an astonishment: every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.
- 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the ⁴pride of Jordan ⁵against the strong habitation: ⁶but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over her: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me? Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman:

¹ Or, whose judgement was not

² See Obad. 1—4.

³ Or, *Sela*
See 2 Kings xiv. 7.

⁴ Or, swelling

⁵ Or, unto the permanent pastures

⁶ Or, for I will suddenly drive them away

¹ Or, *the little ones of the flock shall drag them away*

² Or, *pastures*

³ Or, *astonished at them*

Surely ¹they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their ²habitation ³desolate with them. The earth ²¹ trembleth at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red Sea. Behold, he shall come up and fly as the ²² eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

⁴ Or, *care*

Of Damascus. Hamath is ashamed, and ²³ Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is ⁴sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. Damascus is waxed feeble, ²⁴ she turneth herself to flee, and trembling hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. How ²⁵ is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? Therefore her young men shall fall ²⁶ in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith the LORD of hosts. And I will kindle a fire in ²⁷ the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, ²⁸ which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote.

Thus saith the LORD: Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the children of the east. Their ²⁹ tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels: and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side. Flee ye, wander far off, dwell deep, O ye ³⁰ inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. Arise, get you up unto a nation ³¹

that is at ease, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD; which have neither gates nor
 32 bars, which dwell alone. And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds them that have the corners *of their hair* polled; and I will bring their calamity from every side of
 33 them, saith the LORD. And Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation for ever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
 35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.
 36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither ¹the outcasts of Elam shall
 37 not come. And I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have
 38 consumed them: and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence king and
 39 princes, saith the LORD. But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

¹ Another reading is, *the everlasting outcasts.*

50 ¹ The word that the LORD spake concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.

² Declare ye among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is ²dismayed; her images are put to

² Or, *broken down*

¹ Or, *broken down*

shame, her idols are ¹dismayed. For out of the ³north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein : they are fled, they are gone, both man and beast. In those days, and in ⁴that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together ; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek the LORD their God. They ⁵shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces ²thitherward, *saying*, Come ye, and ³join yourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

² Heb. *hitherward*.

³ Or, *they shall join themselves*

My people hath been lost sheep : their shep- ⁶herds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains : they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. All that found ⁷them have devoured them : and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers. Flee ⁸out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks. For, lo, I will stir up and ⁹cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country : and they shall set themselves in array against her ; from thence she shall be taken : their arrows shall be as of ⁴an expert mighty man ; ⁵none shall return in vain. And Chaldea shall be a spoil : ¹⁰all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD. Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice, ¹¹O ye that plunder mine heritage, because ye are . wanton as an heifer ⁶that treadeth out *the corn*, and neigh as strong horses ; your mother shall ¹²be sore ashamed ; she that bare you shall be confounded : behold, she shall be the hindermost

⁴ Or, according to another reading, *a mighty man that maketh childless*

⁵ Or, *that returneth not*

⁶ Or, *at grass*

- of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a
 13 desert. Because of the wrath of the LORD it
 shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly
 desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall
 14 be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. Set
 yourselves in array against Babylon round about,
 all ye that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no
 arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.
 15 Shout against her round about; she hath ¹sub-
 mitted herself; her bulwarks are fallen, her
 walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance
 of the LORD; take vengeance upon her; as she
 16 hath done, do unto her. Cut off the sower from
 Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in
 the time of harvest: for fear of the oppress-
 ing sword they shall turn every one to his
 people, and they shall flee every one to his
 own land.
- 17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have
 driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath
 devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar
 18 king of Babylon hath broken his bones. There-
 fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
 Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Baby-
 lon and his land, as I have punished the king of
 19 Assyria. And I will bring Israel again to his
²pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and ²Or, fold
 Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon the
 20 hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. In those days,
 and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of
 Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be
 none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not
 be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave
 as a remnant.
- 21 Go up against the land of ³Merathaim, even
 against it, and against the inhabitants of ⁴Pekod:
 slay and ⁵utterly destroy after them, saith the
 LORD, and do according to all that I have com-
³ That is,
 Double
 rebellion.
⁴ That is,
 Visitation.
⁵ Heb. devote.

manded thee. A sound of battle is in the land, ²²
 and of great destruction. How is the hammer ²³
 of the whole earth cut asunder and broken!
 how is Babylon become a desolation among the
 nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou ²⁴
 art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not
 aware: thou art found, and also caught, because
 thou hast striven against the LORD. The LORD ²⁵
 hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth
 the weapons of his indignation: for the Lord, the
 LORD of hosts, hath a work *to do* in the land of the
 Chaldeans. Come against her ¹from the utmost ²⁶
 border, open her ²storehouses: cast her up as
 heaps, and ³destroy her utterly: let nothing of
 her be left. Slay all her bullocks; let them go ²⁷
 down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their
 day is come, the time of their visitation. The ²⁸
 voice of them that flee and escape out of the
 land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the venge-
 ance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of
 his temple. Call together ⁴the archers against ²⁹
 Babylon, all them that bend the bow; camp
 against her round about; let none thereof escape:
 recompense her according to her work; accord-
 ing to all that she hath done, do unto her: for
 she hath been proud against the LORD, against
 the Holy One of Israel. Therefore shall her ³⁰
 young men fall in her streets, and all her men of
 war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith
 the LORD. Behold, I am against thee, ⁵O thou ³¹
 proud one, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts:
 for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee.
 And ⁶the proud one shall stumble and fall, and ³²
 none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire
 in his cities, and it shall devour all that are
 round about him.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The children ³³
 of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed

¹ Or, *from every quarter*

² Or, *granaries*

³ Heb. *devote her.*

⁴ Or, *many*

⁵ Heb. *O Pride.*

⁶ Heb. *Pride.*

- together : and all that took them captives hold
 34 them fast ; they refuse to let them go. Their
 redeemer is strong ; the LORD of hosts is his
 name : he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that
 he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet
 35 the inhabitants of Babylon. A sword is upon
 the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the
 inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes,
 36 and upon her wise men. A sword is upon the
¹boasters, and they shall dote : a sword is upon
 her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed. ¹ Heb.
 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their *boastings.*
 chariots, and upon all the mingled people that
 are in the midst of her, and they shall become
 as women : a sword is upon her treasures, and
 38 they shall be robbed. A drougt is upon her
 waters, and they shall be dried up : for it is a
 land of graven images, and they are mad upon
 39 ²idols. ³Therefore the wild beasts of the desert ² Heb. *terrors.*
 with the ⁴wolves shall dwell there, and the os- ³ See Is. xiii.
 triches shall dwell therein : and it shall be no ^{21, 22.}
 more inhabited for ever ; neither shall it be ⁴ Heb. *howling*
 40 dwelt in from generation to generation. As *creatures.*
 when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and
 the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD ;
 so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any
 41 son of man sojourn therein. ⁵Behold, a people ⁵ See ch. vi.
 cometh from the north ; and a great nation, and ^{22—24.}
 many kings shall be stirred up from the utter-
 42 most parts of the earth. They lay hold on bow
 and spear ; they are cruel, and have no mercy ;
 their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride
 upon horses ; every one set in array, as a man
 to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Baby-
 43 lon. The king of Babylon hath heard the fame
 of them, and his hands wax feeble : anguish hath
 taken hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in
 44 travail. ⁶Behold, he shall come up like a lion ⁶ See ch. xlix.
 19—21.

from the pride of Jordan against the strong habitation : but I will suddenly make them run away from her ; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over her : for who is like me ? and who will appoint me a time ? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me ? Therefore hear ye ⁴⁵ the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon ; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans : Surely they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock ; surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them. At ⁴⁶ the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembleth, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Thus saith the LORD : Behold, I will raise ¹ **51** up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in ¹ Leb-kamai, a destroying wind. And ² I will send unto Babylon ² strangers, that shall fan her ; and they shall empty her land : for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. ³ Let not the archer bend ³ his bow, and let him not lift himself up in his coat of mail : and spare ye not her young men ; ⁴ destroy ye utterly all her host. And ⁴ they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets. For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his ⁵ God, of the LORD of hosts ; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save ⁶ every man his life ; be not cut off in her iniquity : for it is the time of the LORD's vengeance ; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's ⁷ hand, that made all the earth drunken : the nations have drunk of her wine ; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly ⁸

¹ That is, *The heart of them that rise up against me.* According to ancient tradition, a cypher for *Casdim*, that is, Chaldea.

² Or, *fanners*

³ Or, as otherwise read, *Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up &c.*

⁴ Heb. *devote ye all &c.*

- fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.
- 9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgement reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even
- 10 to the skies. The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in
- 11 Zion the work of the LORD our God. Make ¹sharp the arrows; ²hold firm the ³shields: the LORD hath stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his device is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of the
- 12 LORD, the vengeance of his temple. Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake concerning the
- 13 inhabitants of Babylon. O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, the measure of thy ⁴covetousness.
- 14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with the cankerworm; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.
- 15 ⁵He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the
- 16 heavens: when he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth
- 17 forth the wind out of his treasuries. Every man is become brutish *and is* without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and
- 18 there is no breath in them. They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visita-

¹ Or, *bright*
Heb. *clean*.

² Heb. *fill*.

³ Or, *suits of*
armour

⁴ Or, *dishonest*
gain

⁵ See ch. x. 12
—16.

tion they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is 19
not like these; for he is the former of all things;
and *Israel* is the tribe of his inheritance: the
LORD of hosts is his name.

¹ Or, *maul*

Thou art my ¹battle axe and weapons of war: 20
and with thee will I break in pieces the nations;
and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; and with 21
thee will I break in pieces the horse and his
rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the 22
chariot and him that rideth therein; and with
thee will I break in pieces man and woman; and
with thee will I break in pieces the old man and
the youth; and with thee will I break in pieces
the young man and the maid; and with thee 23
will I break in pieces the shepherd and his
flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the
husbandman and his yoke *of oxen*; and with
thee will I break in pieces ²governors and de-
puties. And I will render unto Babylon and to 24
all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that
they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the
LORD.

² Or,
lieutenants

Behold, I am against thee, O destroying 25
mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all
the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand
upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks,
and will make thee a burnt mountain. And 26
they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner,
nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be
desolate for ever, saith the LORD. Set ye up a 27
standard in the land, blow the trumpet among
the nations, ³prepare the nations against her,
call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat,
Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal a-
gainst her; cause the horses to come up as the
rough cankerworm. ³Prepare against her the 28
nations, the kings of the Medes, the governors
thereof, and all the deputies thereof, and all the

³ Heb.
sanctify.

29 land of his dominion. And the land trembleth
and is in pain: for the purposes of the LORD
against Babylon do stand, to make the land of
30 Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant. The
mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight,
they remain in their strong holds; their might
hath failed; they are become as women: her
dwelling places are set on fire; her bars are
31 broken. One post shall run to meet another,
and one messenger to meet another, to shew the
king of Babylon that his city is taken on every
32 quarter: and the ¹passages are surprised, and the
²reeds they have burned with fire, and the men
of war are affrighted.

¹ Or, *fords*² Or, *marshes*
Heb. *pools*.

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a
threshing-floor at the time when it is trodden;
yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall
34 come for her. Nebuchadrezzar the king of
Babylon hath devoured ³me, he hath crushed
³me, he hath made ³me an empty vessel, he
hath swallowed ³me up like a dragon, he hath
filled his maw with my delicates; he hath cast
35 ³me out. 'The violence done to me and to
my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the ⁵inhabit-
ant of Zion say; and, My blood be upon the
inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

³ Another
reading is, *us*.⁴ Heb. *My*
wrong and my
flesh.⁵ Heb.
inhabitant.

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I
will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for
thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make
37 her fountain dry. And Babylon shall become
heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an aston-
ishment, and an hissing, without inhabitant.
38 They shall roar together like young lions;
39 they shall growl as lions' whelps. When they
are heated, I will make their feast, and I will
make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and
sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the

LORD. I will bring them down like lambs ⁴⁰
 to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.
 How is ¹Sheshach taken! and the praise of ⁴¹
 the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon
 become ²a desolation among the nations! The ⁴²
 sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered
 with the ³multitude of the waves thereof. Her ⁴³
 cities are become ²a desolation, a dry land, and a
 desert, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither
 doth any son of man pass thereby. And I ⁴⁴
 will ⁴do judgement upon Bel in Babylon, and I
 will bring forth out of his mouth that which he
 hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not
 flow together any more unto him: yea, the
 wall of Babylon shall fall.

My people, go ye out of the midst of her, ⁴⁵
 and save yourselves every man from the fierce
 anger of the LORD. And let not your heart ⁴⁶
 faint, neither fear ye for the rumour that shall
 be heard in the land; for a rumour shall come
 one year, and after that in another year *shall*
come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler
 against ruler. Therefore, behold, the days ⁴⁷
 come, that I will do judgement upon the graven
 images of Babylon, and her whole land shall be
 ashamed; and all her slain shall fall in the midst
 of her. Then the heaven and the earth, and ⁴⁸
 all that is therein, shall sing for joy over Baby-
 lon; for the spoilers shall come unto her from
 the north, saith the LORD. ⁵As Babylon hath ⁴⁹
 caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon
 shall fall the slain of all the ⁶land. Ye that ⁵⁰
 have escaped the sword, go ye, stand not still;
 remember the LORD from afar, and let Jerusalem
 come into your mind. We are ashamed, be- ⁵¹
 cause we have heard reproach; confusion hath
 covered our faces: for strangers are come into
 the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house. Where- ⁵²

¹ See ch. xxv.
26.

² Or, *an*
astonishment

³ Or, *tumult*

⁴ Heb.
visit upon.

⁵ Or, *Both*
Babylon is to
fall, O ye
slain of Israel,
and at &c.

⁶ Or, *earth*

- fore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgement upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded
 53 shall groan. Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall
 54 spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD. The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!
 55 for the LORD spoileth Babylon, and destroyeth out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters, the noise of their voice
 56 is uttered: for the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces: for the LORD is a God of recompences, he shall surely
 57 requite. And I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.
 58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ¹The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly ²overthrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; ³and the peoples shall labour for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and they shall be weary.
- 59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was ⁴chief chamberlain. And Jeremiah wrote in ⁵a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Baby-
 60 lon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, ⁶then see that thou
 62 read all these words, and say, O LORD, thou

¹ Or, *The walls of broad Babylon*

² Or, *made bare*

³ See Hab. ii. 13.

⁴ Or, *quarter-master*

⁵ Or, *one book*

⁶ Or, *and shalt see, and read ... then shalt thou say &c.*

hast spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell therein, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an ⁶³ end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: and thou shalt say, Thus shall ⁶⁴ Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring ¹upon her: and they shall be weary.

¹ Or, *upon her.*
And they
shall be weary:
thus far &c.

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

² See 2 Kings
xxiv. 18, &c.

² Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when **1 52** he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight ² of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of the LORD ³ did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence: and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his ⁴ reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. So the ⁵ city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. In the fourth month, in the ⁶ ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then a breach was made ⁷ in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about:) and they went by the way of the Arabah. But the army ⁸

- of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and
9 all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he ¹gave judgement upon him. ¹ Heb. *spoke judgements with him.*
10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all
11 the princes of Judah in Riblah. And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.
- 12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, which stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem: and he burned the house of the LORD,
13 and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even ²every great house, burned he ² Or, *every great man's house*
14 with fire. And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.
- 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest sort of the people, and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue
16 of the ³multitude. But Nebuzaradan the captain ³ Or, *artificers*
of the guard left of the poorest of the land to
17 be vinedressers and husbandmen. And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases and the brasen sea that were in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried all the brass
18 of them to Babylon. The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basons, and

the spoons, and all the vessels of brass where-
 with they ministered, took they away. And ¹⁹
 the cups, and the firepans, and the basons, and
 the pots, and the candlesticks, and the spoons,
 and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold,
 and that which was of silver, in silver, the
 captain of the guard took away. The two ²⁰
 pillars, the one sea, and the twelve brasen bulls
 that were under the bases, which king Solomon
 had made for the house of the LORD: the brass
 of all these vessels was without weight. And ²¹
 as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was
 eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did
 compass it; and the thickness thereof was four
 fingers: it was hollow. And a chapter of brass ²²
 was upon it; and the height of the one chapter
 was five cubits, with network and pomegranates
 upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and
 the second pillar also had like unto these, and
 pomegranates. And there were ninety and six ²³
 pomegranates ¹on the sides; all the pome-
 granates were an hundred upon the network
 round about. And the captain of the guard ²⁴
 took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah
 the second priest, and the three keepers of the
²door: and out of the city he took an ³officer ²⁵
 that was set over the men of war; and seven
 men of them that saw the king's face, which
 were found in the city; and the scribe of the
 captain of the host, who mustered the people of
 the land; and threescore men of the people of
 the land, that were found in the midst of the
 city. And Nebuzaradan the captain of the ²⁶
 guard took them, and brought them to the
 king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of ²⁷
 Babylon smote them, and put them to death at
 Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was
 carried away captive out of his land. This is ²⁸

¹ Or, *on the
 outside
 Heb.
 towards the
 four winds.*

² Heb.
threshold.

³ Or, *eunuch*

the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand
29 Jews and three and twenty: in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two
30 persons: in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 ¹And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah,
32 and brought him forth out of prison; and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in
33 Babylon. And he changed his prison garments, and did eat bread before him continually all the
34 days of his life. And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

¹ See 2 Kings XXV. 27—30.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of ¹ 1
people!

How is she become as a widow!

She that was great among the nations, *and*
princess among the provinces,

How is she become tributary!

She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears ²
are on her cheeks;

Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort
her:

All her friends have dealt treacherously with
her,

They are become her enemies.

¹ Or, *exile*

Judah is gone into ¹captivity because of afflic- ³
tion, and because of great servitude;

She dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth
no rest:

All her persecutors overtook her within the
straits.

The ways of Zion do mourn, because none ⁴
come to the ²solemn assembly;

² Or, *appointed
feast*

All her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh:
Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in
bitterness.

Her adversaries are become the head, her ene- ⁵
mies prosper;

For the LORD hath afflicted her for the multi-
tude of her transgressions:

Her young children are gone into captivity
before the adversary.

- 6 And from the daughter of Zion all her ¹ majesty ¹ Or, *beauty*
is departed :

Her princes are become like harts that find no
pasture,

And they are gone without strength before the
pursuer.

- 7 Jerusalem remembereth in the days of her
affliction and of her ² miseries ² Or, *wanderings*
All her pleasant things that were from the days
of old :

When her people fell into the hand of the ad-
versary, and none did help her,

The adversaries saw her, they did mock at her
³ desolations.

- 8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned ; therefore
she ⁴ is become as an unclean thing : ³ Heb. *ceasings.*

All that honoured her despise her, because they
have seen her nakedness : ⁴ Or, *is removed*

Yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

- 9 Her filthiness was in her skirts ; she remem-
bered not her latter end ;

Therefore is she come down wonderfully ; she
hath no comforter :

Behold, O LORD, my affliction ; for the enemy
hath magnified himself.

- 10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon
all her pleasant things :

For she hath seen that the heathen are entered
into her sanctuary,

Concerning whom thou didst command that
they should not enter into thy congregation.

- 11 All her people sigh, they seek bread ;
They have given their pleasant things for meat
to refresh the soul :

See, O LORD, and behold ; for I am become
vile.

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? 12

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like
unto my sorrow, which is done unto me,

¹ Or, *Whom
the LORD hath
afflicted*

¹Wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the
day of his fierce anger.

From on high hath he sent fire into my bones, 13
and it prevaieth against them :

He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath
turned me back ;

He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his 14
hand ;

² Heb.
stumble.

They are knit together, they are come up upon
my neck ; he hath made my strength to ²fail :

The Lord hath delivered me into their hands,

³ Or, *from
whom I am
not able to
rise up*

³against whom I am not able to stand.

The Lord hath set at nought all my mighty 15
men in the midst of me ;

He hath called a solemn assembly against me
to crush my young men :

The Lord hath trodden as in a winepress the
virgin daughter of Judah.

For these things I weep ; mine eye, mine eye 16
runneth down with water ;

Because the comforter that should refresh my
soul is far from me :

My children are desolate, because the enemy
hath prevailed.

Zion spreadeth forth her hands ; there is none 17
to comfort her ;

The LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob,
that they that are round about him should be
his adversaries :

Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.

The LORD is righteous ; for I have rebelled 18
against his commandment :

Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples, and behold my
sorrow :

- My virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.
- 19 I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me :
My priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city,
While they sought them meat to refresh their souls.
- 20 Behold, O LORD ; for I am in distress ; my bowels are troubled ;
Mine heart is turned within me ; for I have grievously rebelled :
Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.
- 21 They have heard that I sigh ; there is none to comfort me ;
All mine enemies have heard of my trouble ; they are glad that thou hast done it :
Thou wilt bring the day that thou hast proclaimed, and they shall be like unto me.
- 22 Let all their wickedness come before thee ;
And do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions :
For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.
- 2** 1 How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger !
He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel,
And hath not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.
- 2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied ;
He hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah ;
He hath brought them down to the ground :
He hath profaned the kingdom and the princes thereof.

¹ Or,
every horn

He hath cut off in fierce anger ¹all the horn of ³Israel ;

He hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy :

And he hath burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about.

He hath bent his bow like an enemy, he hath ⁴stood with his right hand as an adversary,

And hath slain all that were pleasant to the eye :

² Or, On

²In the tent of the daughter of Zion he hath poured out his fury like fire.

The Lord is become as an enemy, he hath ⁵swallowed up Israel ;

He hath swallowed up all her palaces, he hath destroyed his strong holds :

And he hath multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

³ Or, booth
Or, hedge

And he hath violently taken away his ³tabernacle, as if it were of a garden ;

He hath destroyed his place of assembly :

⁴ Or,
appointed feast

The LORD hath caused ⁴solemn assembly and sabbath to be forgotten in Zion,

And hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath ⁷abhorred his sanctuary,

He hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces :

They have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn assembly.

The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of ⁸the daughter of Zion ;

He hath stretched out the line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from ⁵destroying :

⁵ Heb.
swallowing up.

But he hath made the rampart and wall to lament ; they languish together.

Her gates are sunk into the ground ; he hath ⁹destroyed and broken her bars :

- Her king and her princes are among the nations
 where the law is not ;
 Yea, her prophets find no vision from the LORD.
- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the
 ground, they keep silence ;
 They have cast up dust upon their heads ; they
 have girded themselves with sackcloth :
 The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads
 to the ground.
- 11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are
 troubled,
 My liver is poured upon the earth, for the ¹de- ¹ Or, *breach*
 struction of the daughter of my people ;
 Because the young children and the sucklings
 swoon in the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and
 wine ?
 When they swoon as the wounded in the streets
 of the city,
 When their soul is poured out into their mothers'
 bosom.
- 13 What shall I ²testify unto thee ? what shall I ² Or, *take to*
 liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem ? *witness for*
 What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort *thee*
 thee, O virgin daughter of Zion ?
 For thy breach is great like the sea : who can
 heal thee ?
- 14 Thy prophets have seen visions for thee of
 vanity and foolishness ;
 And they have not discovered thine iniquity, to
 bring again thy captivity :
 But have seen for thee ³burdens of vanity and ³ Or, *oracles*
 'causes of banishment.
- 15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee ;
 They hiss and wag their head at the daughter
 of Jerusalem, *saying* : ⁴ Or, *things*
 Is this the city that men called The perfection *to draw thee*
 of beauty, The joy of the whole earth ? *aside*

All thine enemies have opened their mouth 16
wide against thee ;

They hiss and gnash the teeth ; they say, We
have swallowed her up ;

Certainly this is the day that we looked for ; we
have found, we have seen it.

The LORD hath done that which he devised ; 17

¹ Or, *finished* He hath ¹fulfilled his word that he commanded
in the days of old ;

He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied :

And he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over
thee,

He hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.

Their heart cried unto the Lord : 18

O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run
down like a river day and night ;

Give thyself no respite ; let not the apple of
thine eye cease.

Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of 19
the watches ;

Pour out thine heart like water before the face
of the Lord :

Lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy
young children,

That faint for hunger at the top of every
street.

See, O LORD, and behold, to whom thou hast 20
done thus !

Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that
are dandled in the hands ?

Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the
sanctuary of the Lord ?

The youth and the old man lie on the ground 21
in the streets ;

My virgins and my young men are fallen by the
sword :

Thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger ;
thou hast slaughtered, *and* not pitied.

22 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, ¹my terrors on every side,
 And there was none that escaped or remained
 in the day of the LORD's anger :
 Those that I have dandled and brought up hath
 mine enemy consumed.

¹ See Jer. vi.
 25.

3 ¹ I am the man that hath seen affliction by the
 rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me and caused me to walk in
 darkness ²and not in light.

² Or, *without
 light*

3 Surely against me he turneth his hand again
 and again all the day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath he ³made old ; he
 hath broken my bones.

³ Or, *worn out*

5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me
 with ⁴gall and travail.

⁴ See Dent.
 xxix. 18.

6 ⁵He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as
 those that have been long dead.

⁵ See Ps.
 cxliii. 3.

7 He hath fenced me about, that I cannot go
 forth ; he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Yea, when I cry and call for help, he shutteth
 out my prayer.

9 He hath fenced up my ways with hewn stone,
 he hath made my paths crooked.

10 He is unto me as a bear lying in wait, as a
 lion in secret places.

11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled
 me in pieces ; he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark
 for the arrow.

13 He hath caused the ⁶shafts of his quiver to
 enter into my reins.

⁶ Heb. *sons*.

I am become a derision to all my people ; and 14
their song all the day.

He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath 15
sated me with wormwood.

He hath also broken my teeth with gravel 16
stones, he hath covered me with ashes.

¹ Or, *cast off* And thou hast ¹removed my soul far off from 17
peace ; I forgot prosperity.

And I said, My strength is perished, and mine 18
expectation from the LORD.

² Or,
wandering
Or, *outcast*
state

Remember mine affliction and my ²misery, the 19
wormwood and the gall.

My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is 20
bowed down within me.

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 21

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not 22
consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning ; great is thy 23
faithfulness.

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul ; 24
therefore will I hope in him.

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, 25
to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should hope and quietly 26
wait for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in 27
his youth.

³ Or, *He*
sitteth alone
&c.
(vv. 28—30)

³ Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he 28
hath laid it upon him.

Let him put his mouth in the dust ; if so be 29
there may be hope.

Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth 30
him ; let him be filled full with reproach.

- 31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever.
32 For though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.
33 For he doth not afflict ¹willingly, nor grieve ¹Heb. *from his heart.* the children of men.

34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,
36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord ²ap- ²Heb. *seeth* proveth not. *not.*

37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?
38 Out of the mouth of the Most High cometh there not evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, ³a man ³Or, *a man that is in his sins* for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.
41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned.

43 Thou hast ⁴covered with anger and pursued us; ⁴Or, *covered* thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. *thyself*
44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through.
45 Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.

¹ Or, *tumult*

Fear and the pit are come upon us, ¹devastation 47
and destruction.

Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water, for 48
the destruction of the daughter of my people.

Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, 49
without any intermission,

Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven. 50

Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the 51
daughters of my city.

They have chased me sore like a bird, that are 52
mine enemies without cause.

They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and 53
have cast a stone upon me.

Waters flowed over mine head ; I said, I am 54
cut off.

I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the 55
lowest dungeon.

Thou heardest my voice ; hide not thine ear at 56
my breathing, at my cry.

Thou drewest near in the day that I called 57
upon thee : thou saidst, Fear not.

O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my 58
soul ; thou hast redeemed my life.

O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong ; judge thou 59
my cause.

Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all 60
their devices against me.

Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, and 61
all their devices against me ;

The lips of those that rose up against me, and 62
their imagination against me all the day.

Behold thou their sitting down, and their 63
rising up ; I am their song.

- 64 Thou wilt render unto them a recompence,
O LORD, according to the work of their hands.
- 65 Thou wilt give them ¹hardness of heart, thy curse unto them. ¹ Or, *blindness*
Heb. *covering*.
- 66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of the LORD.
- 4 ¹ How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most pure gold changed!
The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the top of every street.
- 2 The precious sons of Zion, ²comparable to fine gold,
How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! ² Heb. *that may be weighed against*.
- 3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones:
The daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
- 4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst:
The young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.
- 5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets:
They that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
- 6 For ³the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than ⁴the sin of Sodom,
That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands ⁵were laid upon her. ³ Or, *the punishment of the iniquity*
⁴ Or, *the punishment of the sin*
- 7 Her ⁶nobles were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk,
They were more ruddy in body than ⁷rubies, their polishing was as of sapphire: ⁵ Or, *fell*
See 2 Sam. iii. 29.
⁶ Or, *Nazirites*
⁷ Or, *corals*
- 8 Their visage is ⁸blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: ⁸ Heb. *darker than blackness*.

Their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered,
it is become like a stick.

They that be slain with the sword are better 9
than they that be slain with hunger;

¹ Heb. *flow
away.*

For these ¹pine away, stricken through, for
want of the fruits of the field.

The hands of the pitiful women have sodden 10
their own children;

They were their meat in the destruction of the
daughter of my people.

The LORD hath accomplished his fury, he hath 11
poured out his fierce anger;

And he hath kindled a fire in Zion, which hath
devoured the foundations thereof.

The kings of the earth believed not, neither 12
all the inhabitants of the world,

That the adversary and the enemy should enter
into the gates of Jerusalem.

It is because of the sins of her prophets, *and* 13
the iniquities of her priests,

That have shed the blood of the just in the
midst of her.

They wander as blind men in the streets, they 14
are polluted with blood,

So that men cannot touch their garments.

Depart ye, they cried unto them, Unclean! 15
depart, depart, touch not:

² Or, *Yea*

²When they fled away and wandered, men
said among the nations, They shall no more
sojourn *here*.

³ Heb. *face*.

The ³anger of the LORD hath divided them; he 16
will no more regard them:

They respected not the persons of the priests,
they favoured not the elders.

Our eyes do yet fail *in looking* for our vain 17
help:

In our watching we have watched for a nation
that could not save.

18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets:

Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heaven:

They chased us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits;

Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz:

The cup shall pass through unto thee also; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 ¹The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion;

¹ Or, *Thine iniquity hath an end*

He will no more carry thee away into captivity:

He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom;

He will discover thy sins.

5 ¹ Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: Behold, and see our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned unto strangers, Our houses unto aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, Our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; Our wood ²is sold unto us.

² Heb. *cometh for price.*

5 Our pursuers are upon our necks: We are weary, and have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, And to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not; And we have borne their iniquities.

	Servants rule over us :	8
	There is none to deliver us out of their hand.	
	We get our bread with the peril of our lives	9
	Because of the sword of the wilderness.	
¹ Or, <i>hot</i>	Our skin is ¹ black like an oven	10
	Because of the burning heat of famine.	
	They ravished the women in Zion,	11
	The maidens in the cities of Judah.	
	Princes were hanged up by their hand :	12
	The faces of elders were not honoured.	
	The young men bare the mill,	13
	And the children stumbled under the wood.	
	The elders have ceased from the gate,	14
	The young men from their music.	
	The joy of our heart is ceased ;	15
	Our dance is turned into mourning.	
	The crown is fallen from our head :	16
	Woe unto us ! for we have sinned.	
	For this our heart is faint ;	17
	For these things our eyes are dim ;	
	For the mountain of Zion, which is desolate ;	18
² Or, <i>jackals</i>	The ² foxes walk upon it.	
³ Or, <i>sittest</i> as king	Thou, O LORD, ³ abidest for ever ;	19
	Thy throne is from generation to generation.	
	Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever,	20
	<i>And</i> forsake us so long time ?	
	Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall	21
	be turned ;	
	Renew our days as of old.	
⁴ Or, <i>Unless</i> <i>thou...and</i> <i>art &c.</i>	⁴ But thou hast utterly rejected us,	22
	Thou art very wroth against us.	

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

EZEKIEL.

- 1 ¹ Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year,
in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the
month, as I was among the ¹captives by the ¹ Heb.
river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, *captivity.*
2 and I saw visions of God. In the fifth *day*
of the month, which was the fifth year of king
3 Jehoiachin's captivity, the word of the LORD
came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son
of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the
river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was
4 there upon him. And I looked, and, behold,
a stormy wind came out of the north, a great
cloud, with a fire ²infoling itself, and a bright-
ness round about it, and out of the midst thereof ² Or, *flashing*
³as the colour of ⁴amber, out of the midst of the *continually*
5 fire. And out of the midst thereof came the ³ Or, *as amber*
likeness of four living creatures. And this was *to look upon*
their appearance; they had the likeness of a ⁴ Or, *electrum*
6 man. And every one had four faces, and every
7 one of them had four wings. And their feet
were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was
like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled
8 like the colour of burnished brass. And they
had the hands of a man under their wings on
their four sides: and they four had their faces
9 and their wings *thus*; their wings were joined
one to another; they turned not when they

went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they had the ¹⁰ face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four had also the face of an eagle. ¹¹And their faces and their wings were separate above; two *wings* of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every ¹² one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. ¹³As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; it went up and down among the living creatures: and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. And the living creatures ran ¹⁴ and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. Now as I beheld the living crea- ¹⁵ tures, behold one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces thereof. The appearance of the wheels and ¹⁶ their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel ¹⁷ within a wheel. When they went, they went upon their four sides: they turned not ¹⁸ when they went. As for their *'rings*, they were high and dreadful; and they four had their rings full of eyes round about. And when ¹⁹ the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they ²⁰ went; thither was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up *'beside* them; for the spirit *'of* the living creature was in the wheels. When those went, these went; and when those ²¹

¹ Or, *And thus were their faces; and their wings were &c.*

² The Sept. has, *And in the midst of the living creatures was an appearance &c.*

³ Heb. *in the midst of.*

⁴ Or, *felloes*

⁵ Or, *over against*

⁶ Or, *of life*

- stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up ¹beside them: for the spirit ²of the living creature was in the wheels. And over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of a firmament, like the colour of the terrible ³crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two which covered ⁴on this side, and every one had two which covered ⁴on that side, their bodies. And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above.
- 27 And I saw as the colour of ⁵amber, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about ⁶him. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.
- 2 ¹ And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto

¹ Or, over against² Or, of life³ Or, ice⁴ Or, for them⁵ See ver. 4.⁶ Or, it

me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto 3 me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to nations that are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. And the children are 4 impudent and stiffhearted; ¹I do send thee unto them: and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether 5 they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of 6 them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt 7 speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear 8 what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, 9 behold, an hand was put forth unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; and he spread 10 it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. And he said 1 3 unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused 2 me to eat the roll. And he said unto me, Son 3 of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

¹ Or, unto
whom I send
thee

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go,
 get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak
 5 with my words unto them. For thou art not
 sent to a people ¹of a strange speech and of an
 6 hard language, but to the house of Israel; not
 to many peoples of a strange speech and of an
 hard language, whose words thou canst not
 understand. Surely, if I sent thee to them,
 7 they would hearken unto thee. But the house
 of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they
 will not hearken unto me: for all the house
 of Israel are of an hard forehead and of a stiff
 8 heart. Behold, I have made thy face hard
 against their faces, and thy forehead hard against
 9 their foreheads. As an adamant harder than
 flint have I made thy forehead: fear them
 not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though
 10 they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said
 unto me, Son of man, all my words that I
 shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart,
 11 and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee
 to them of the captivity, unto the children of
 thy people, and speak unto them, and tell
 them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they
 will hear, or whether they will forbear.
 12 Then the spirit lifted me up, and I heard
 behind me the voice of a great rushing, *saying*,
 Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place.
 13 And *I heard* the noise of the wings of the living
 creatures as they touched one another, and the
 noise of the wheels ²beside them, even the noise
 14 of a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up,
 and took me away: and I went in bitterness,
 in the heat of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD
 15 was strong upon me. Then I came to them of
 the captivity at Tel-abib, that ³dwelt by the river
 Chebar, ⁴and to where they ³dwelt; and I sat
 there astonished among them seven days.

¹ Heb. deep of
lip and heavy
of tongue.

² Or, over
against

³ Or, sat
⁴ Another
reading is,
and I sat
where they
sat.

And it came to pass at the end of seven ¹⁶ days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a ¹⁷ watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the ¹⁸ wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet ¹⁹ if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth ²⁰ turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, ²¹ that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

And the hand of the LORD was there upon ²² me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the ¹plain, and I will there talk with thee. Then I arose, and went forth into the ¹plain: ²³ and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar: and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered ²⁴ into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house. But thou, son of man, ²⁵ behold, they shall lay bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: and I will make thy tongue ²⁶

¹ Or, valley

cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprov-
27 for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbear-eth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

- 4 1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it
2 a city, even Jerusalem: and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mount against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it round about.
3 And take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: ^{1 Or, flat plate} and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
- 4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.
- 5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be unto thee a number of days, even three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear
- 6 the iniquity of the house of Israel. And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for
- 7 a year, have I appointed it unto thee. And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered; and
- 8 thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast
- 9 accomplished the days of thy siege. Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and

beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred and ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be ¹⁰ by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. And thou shalt drink ¹¹ water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. And thou ¹² shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man. And the LORD said, Even thus ¹³ shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations whither I will drive them. Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, ¹⁴ my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. Then he said unto me, See, I have ¹⁵ given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread thereon. More- ¹⁶ over he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with carefulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: that they may want ¹⁷ bread and water, and be astonied one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp ¹ **5** sword, *as* a barber's razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and shalt cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and ² divide the hair. A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite with

¹ Heb. *divide them.*

- the sword round about it ; and a third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. And thou shalt take ¹thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.
- And of these again shalt thou take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire ; therefrom shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.
- Thus saith the Lord GOD : This is Jerusalem : I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round about her. And she hath ²rebelled against my judgements in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are round about her : for they have rejected my judgements, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD : Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgements, neither have done after the ³ordinances of the nations that are round about you ; therefore thus saith the Lord GOD : Behold, I, even I, am against thee ; and I will execute judgements in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.
- Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers ; and I will execute judgements in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all the winds. Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also ⁴diminish thee ; neither shall mine eye spare, and I also will have no pity. A third part of thee

¹ Heb. *thence*.² Or, *changed my judgement into wickedness*³ Heb. *judgements*.⁴ Or, *withdraw mine eye that it shall not spare*
Another reading is, *hate thee down*.

shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter unto all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them. Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, ¹³ and I will ¹satisfy my fury ²upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury upon them. Moreover I ¹⁴ will make thee a desolation and a reproach, among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it shall be ¹⁵ a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgements in thee in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes: I the LORD have spoken it: when I shall send ¹⁶ upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread; and I will ¹⁷ send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee: I the LORD have spoken it.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **6** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the ² mountains of Israel, and prophesy ³unto them, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word ³ of the Lord God: Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ⁴water-courses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. And your altars shall become ⁴ desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. And I will lay the carcases of the ⁵

¹ Heb. *bring to rest.*

² Or, *toward*

³ Or, *against*

⁴ Or, *ravines*

- children of Israel before their idols ; and I will
 6 scatter your bones round about your altars. In
 all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid
 waste, and the high places shall be desolate ;
 that your altars may be laid waste and ¹made
 desolate, and your idols may be broken and
 cease, and your sun-images may be hewn down,
 7 and your works may be ²abolished. And the
 slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall
 8 know that I am the LORD. Yet will I leave a
 remnant, in that ye shall have some that escape
 the sword among the nations, when ye shall be
 9 scattered through the countries. And they that
 escape of you shall remember me among the
 nations whither they shall be carried captives,
 how that ³I have been broken with their whorish
 heart, which hath departed from me, and with
 their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols :
 and they shall loathe themselves in their own
 sight for the evils which they have committed
 10 in all their abominations. And they shall know
 that I am the LORD : I have not said in vain
 that I would do this evil unto them.
- 11 Thus saith the Lord GOD : Smite with thine
 hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas!
 because of all the evil abominations of the house
 of Israel : for they shall fall by the sword, by the
 12 famine, and by the pestilence. He that is far
 off shall die of the pestilence ; and he that is
 near shall fall by the sword ; and he that re-
 maineth and is ⁴besieged shall die by the famine :
 thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.
- 13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when
 their slain men shall be among their idols round
 about their altars, upon every high hill, in all
 the tops of the mountains, and under every
 green tree, and under every thick ⁵oak, the
 place where they did offer sweet savour to all

¹ Or, *bear
their guilt*² Heb. *blotted
out.*³ Or, accord-
ing to most of
the ancient
versions, *I
have broken
their &c.*⁴ Or,
*preserved*⁵ Or, *terebinth*

their idols. And I will stretch out my hand ¹⁴ upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, ¹from the wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹ Or, *more than*

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto ¹ **7** me, saying, And thou, son of man, thus saith ² the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel, An end: the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end upon thee, and I will ³ send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye ⁴ shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

² Or, *The turn Or, The crowning time*

³ Or, *from*

Thus saith the Lord GOD: An evil, an only ⁵ evil; behold, it cometh. An end is come, the ⁶ end is come, it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh. ²Thy doom is come unto thee, O in- ⁷ habitant of the land: the time is come, the day is near; *a day of* tumult, and not *of* joyful shouting, ³upon the mountains. Now will I ⁸ shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. And mine ⁹ eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring upon thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I the LORD do smite.

⁴ See ver. 7.

⁵ Or, *not from them, nor from their multitude, nor from their wealth*

⁶ Or, *wailing for them*

Behold, the day, behold, it cometh: ⁴thy doom ¹⁰ is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. Violence is risen up into a rod ¹¹ of wickedness; ⁵none of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: neither shall there be ⁶eminency among them.

- 12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let
 not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for
 13 wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. For
 the seller shall not return to that which is sold,
 14 although they be yet alive: for the vision is
 touching the whole multitude thereof, ²none
 shall return; neither shall any strengthen him-
 self ³in the iniquity of his life. They have blown
 the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none
 goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all
 15 the multitude thereof. The sword is without,
 and the pestilence and the famine within: he
 that is in the field shall die with the sword; and
 he that is in the city, famine and pestilence
 16 shall devour him. But they that escape of
 them shall escape, and shall be on the mount-
 ains like doves of the valleys, all of them
 17 mourning, every one in his iniquity. All hands
 shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as
 18 water. They shall also gird themselves with
 sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and
 shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness
 19 upon all their heads. They shall cast their
 silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as
 an unclean thing; their silver and their gold
 shall not be able to deliver them in the day of
 the wrath of the LORD; they shall not satisfy
 their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it
 hath been the stumblingblock of their iniquity.
 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, ⁴he set it in
 majesty: but they made the images of their
 abominations *and* their detestable things ⁵there-
 in; therefore have I made it unto them as an
 21 unclean thing. And I will give it into the
 hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the
 wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall
 22 profane it. My face will I turn also from them,
 and they shall profane my ⁶secret place: and

¹ Heb. *though their life be yet among the living.*

² Or, *it shall not turn back*

³ Or, *whose life is in his iniquity*

⁴ Or, *they turned it to pride; and they &c.*

⁵ Or, *thereof*

⁶ Or, *secret treasure*

¹ Heb. *judgement of blood.*

² Or, *they that sanctify them*

³ Or, *Distress*

robbers shall enter into it, and profane it. Make the chain : for the land is full of ¹bloody ²³ crimes, and the city is full of violence. Where- ²⁴ fore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses : I will also make the pride of the strong to cease ; and ²their holy places shall be profaned. ³Destruc- ²⁵ tion cometh ; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon ²⁶ mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour ; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet ; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The king shall ²⁷ mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled : I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them ; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

⁴ Or, *as amber to look upon*

⁵ See ch. i. 4.

⁶ Or, *vision*

And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the ¹ sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me. Then I beheld, and, lo, a like- ² ness as the appearance of fire ; from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire : and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, ⁴as the colour of ⁵amber. And he ³ put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head ; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner *court* that looketh toward the north ; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God ⁴ of Israel was there, according to the ⁶appearance that I saw in the plain. Then said he unto me, ⁵

Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the
 6 entry. And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, ¹that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but ²thou shalt again see yet other great
 7 abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a
 8 hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had
 9 digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and
 10 saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round
 11 about. And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and the odour of the cloud of incense
 12 went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us
 13 not; the LORD hath forsaken the ³earth. He said also unto me, Thou shalt again see yet
 14 other great abominations which they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for
 15 Tammuz. Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? thou shalt again see
 16 yet greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's

¹ Or, to get them far off

² Or, turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations
 So also in vv. 13, 15.

³ Or, land

house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, ¹⁷ Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye ¹⁸ shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Then he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, ¹ **9**

¹ Or, *Draw ye near that &c.*

saying, ¹ Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And behold, six men came ² from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his ²slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn ³by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of ³ Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, which had the writer's inkhorn ³by his side. And the LORD ⁴ said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in ⁵ mine hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay ⁴utterly the old man, the young ⁶

² Or, *battle axe*

³ Heb. *upon his loins.*

⁴ Heb. *to destruction.*

- man and the maiden, and little children and women : but come not near any man upon whom is the mark ; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ¹ancient men which were before ¹ Or, *elders*
- 7 the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain : go ye forth. And they went forth, and smote in the
- 8 city. And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God ! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring
- 9 out of thy fury upon Jerusalem ? Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of ²wresting of judgement : ² Or, *perverseness*
- 10 ³earth, and the LORD seeth not. And as for ³ Or, *land*
- me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way upon
- 11 their head. And behold, the man clothed in linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.
- 10 ¹ Then I looked, and behold, in the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim, there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
- 2 And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling *wheels*, even under the cherub, and fill both thine hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and
- 3 scatter them over the city. And he went in in ⁴ Or, *sprinkle*
- 3 my sight. Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in ; and
- 4 the cloud filled the inner court. And the glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house ; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court

was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was ⁵ heard even to the outer court, as the voice of ¹God Almighty when he speaketh. And it came ⁶ to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling *wheels*, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. And the ⁷ cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took *thereof*, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. And there appeared in ⁸ the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings. And I looked, and behold, four ⁹ wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was ²as the colour of a ³beryl stone. And as for ¹⁰ their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been ⁴within a wheel. When they ¹¹ went, they went ⁵upon their four sides: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. And their whole body, and ¹² their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had. As for the wheels, ¹³ they were called in my hearing, the whirling *wheels*. And every one had four faces: the first ¹⁴ face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubim mounted up: this is the living ¹⁵ creature that I saw by the river Chebar. And ¹⁶ when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them: and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels

¹ Heb. *El Shaddai*.

² See ch. i. 4.

³ Or, *stone of Tarshish*

⁴ Heb. *in the midst of*.

⁵ Or, *towards*

- 17 also turned not from beside them. When they stood, these stood ; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them : for the spirit ¹of
 18 the living creature was in them. And the glory of the LORD went forth from over the threshold
 19 of the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels ²beside them : and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house ; and the glory of the God of Israel was
 20 over them above. This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar ; and I knew that they were cherubim.
 21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings ; and the likeness of the hands of a
 22 man was under their wings. And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves ; they went every one straight forward.
 11 1 Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward : and behold, at the door of the gate five and twenty men ; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the
 2 people. And he said unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and that give
 3 wicked counsel in this city : which say, ³*The time* is not near to build houses : this *city* is the
 4 caldron, and we be the flesh. Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.
 5 And the spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said unto me, Speak, Thus saith the LORD : Thus have ye said, O house of Israel ; for I
 6 know the things that come into your mind. Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye

¹ Or, *of life*
See ch. i. 21.

² Or, *over*
against

³ Or, *Is not*
the time *near*
&c.?

have filled the streets thereof with the slain. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD : Your slain ⁷ whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this *city* is the caldron : but ¹ye shall be brought forth out of the midst of it. Ye ⁸ have feared the sword ; and I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD. And I ⁹ will bring you forth out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgements among you. Ye ¹⁰ shall fall by the sword ; I will judge you in the border of Israel ; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. This *city* shall not be your caldron, ¹¹ neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof ; I will judge you in the border of Israel ; and ye ¹² shall know that I am the LORD : for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye executed my judgements, but have done after the ²ordinances of the nations that are round about you. And it came to pass, when I prophesied, ¹³ that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD ! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel ?

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹⁴ saying, Son of man, thy brethren, even thy ¹⁵ brethren, the men of thy ³kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them, *are they* unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD ; unto us is this land given for a possession : therefore say, Thus saith the ¹⁶ Lord GOD : Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, ⁴yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they are come. Therefore say, ¹⁷ Thus saith the Lord GOD : I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of

¹ Another reading is, *I will bring you.*

² Heb. *judgements.*

³ Heb. *redemption.* See Lev. xxv. 25, &c.

⁴ Or, *yet have I been*
Or, *and have been*

the countries where ye have been scattered, and
 18 I will give you the land of Israel. And they
 shall come thither, and they shall take away all
 the detestable things thereof and all the abo-
 19 minations thereof from thence. And I will give
 them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within
 you; and I will take the stony heart out of
 their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
 20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep
 mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall
 21 be my people, and I will be their God. But as
 for them whose heart walketh after the heart of
 their detestable things and their abominations, I
 will bring their way upon their own heads, saith
 22 the Lord GOD. Then did the cherubim lift up
 their wings, and the wheels were ¹beside them; ¹ Or, *over*
 and the glory of the God of Israel was over them ^{against}
 23 above. And the glory of the LORD went up
 from the midst of the city, and stood upon the
 mountain which is on the east side of the city.
 24 And the spirit lifted me up, and brought me in
 the vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to
 them of the captivity. So the vision that I had
 25 seen went up from me. Then I spake unto
 them of the captivity all the things that the
 LORD had shewed me.

12 1 The word of the LORD also came unto me,
 2 saying, Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst
 of the rebellious house, which have eyes to see,
 and see not, which have ears to hear, and hear
 3 not; for they are a rebellious house. Therefore,
 thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for ²removing, ² Or, *exile*
 and remove by day in their sight; and thou
 shalt remove from thy place to another place
 in their sight: it may be they will ³consider, ³ Or, *perceive*
 4 though they be a rebellious house. And thou
 shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight,
 as stuff for ²removing: and thou shalt go forth ^{that they are}

thyself at even in their sight, as when men go
 forth into exile. Dig thou through the wall in ⁵
 their sight, and carry out thereby. In their sight ⁶
 shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder, and carry
 it forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face,
 that thou see not the ground: for I have set
 thee for a sign unto the house of Israel. And ⁷
 I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth
 my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in
 the even I digged through the wall with mine
 hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and bare
 it upon my shoulder in their sight. And in the ⁸
 morning came the word of the LORD unto me,
 saying, Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, ⁹
 the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest
 thou? Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord ¹⁰
 GOD: This ¹burden *concerneth* the prince in Jeru-
 salem, and all the house of Israel ²among whom
 they are. Say, I am your sign: like as I have ¹¹
 done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall
 go into exile, into captivity. And the prince ¹²
 that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder
 in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig
 through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall
 cover his face, because he shall not see the
³ground with his eyes. My net also will I ¹³
 spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my
 snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the
 land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it,
 though he shall die there. And I will scatter ¹⁴
 toward every wind all that are round about him
 to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw
 out the sword after them. And they shall know ¹⁵
 that I am the LORD, when I shall disperse them
 among the nations, and scatter them through
 the countries. But I will leave a few men of ¹⁶
 them from the sword, from the famine, and from
 the pestilence; that they may declare all their

¹ Or, *oracle*² Or, *that are*
*among them*³ Or, *land*

abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

- 17 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me,
18 saying, Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking,
and drink thy water with trembling and with
19 carefulness; and say unto the people of the land,
Thus saith the Lord God concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from ¹all that is therein, because of ¹Heb. *the fulness thereof.*
20 the violence of all them that dwell therein. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

- 21 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
22 saying, Son of man, what is this proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are
23 prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the ²effect of every ²Heb. *word.*
24 vision. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house
25 of Israel. For I am the LORD; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

- 26 Again the word of the LORD came to me,
27 saying, Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of times that
28 are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith the Lord God.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **13**
 saying, Son of man, prophesy against the pro- ²
 phets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto
 them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear
 ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord ³
 GOD: Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow
 their own spirit, ¹and have seen nothing! O ⁴
 Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in the
 waste places. Ye have not gone up into the ⁵
²gaps, neither made up the fence for the house
 of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the
 LORD. They have seen vanity and lying divin- ⁶
 ation, that say, The LORD saith; and the LORD
 hath not sent them: and they ³have made men
 to hope that the word should be confirmed.
 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye ⁷
 not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say,
 The LORD saith; albeit I have not spoken?

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Be- ⁸
 cause ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies,
 therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the
 Lord GOD. And mine hand shall be against ⁹
 the prophets that see vanity, and that divine
 lies: they shall not be in the ⁴council of my peo-
 ple, neither shall they be written in the ⁵writing
 of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter
 into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that
 I am the Lord GOD. Because, even because ¹⁰
 they have seduced my people, saying, Peace;
 and there is no peace; and when one buildeth up
⁶a wall, behold, they daub it with untempered
mortar: say unto them which daub it with un- ¹¹
 tempered *mortar*, that it shall fall: there shall
 be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great
 hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall
 rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall ¹²
 it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing
 wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus ¹³

¹ Or, *and things which they have not seen*

² Or, *breaches*

³ Or, *have hoped*

⁴ Or, *secret*

⁵ Or, *register*

⁶ Or, *a slight wall*

- saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great
- 14 hailstones in fury to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered: and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall
- 15 know that I am the LORD. Thus will I accomplish my fury upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *mortar*; and I will say unto you, The wall is no more,
- 16 neither they that daubed it; *to wit*, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.
- 17 And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou
- 18 against them, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe to the women that sew pillows upon all ¹elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of *persons* of every stature to hunt souls! ²Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive
- 19 ³for yourselves? And ye have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hearken
- 20 unto lies. Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your pillows, ⁴wherewith ye there hunt the souls ⁵to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt ⁶to
- 21 make *them* fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be

¹ Heb. *joints of the hands.*

² Or, *Ye hunt ...and ye save &c.*

³ Or, *that are yours*

⁴ Or, *where ye hunt*

⁵ Or, *as birds*

¹ Or, *by promising him life*

hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Because with lies ye have grieved the heart ²² of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, ¹and be saved alive: therefore ye shall no more see ²³ vanity, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

² Heb. *caused to come up.*

Then came certain of the elders of Israel ¹ **14** unto me, and sat before me. And the word of ² the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, ³ these men have ²taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak unto them, ⁴ and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Every man of the house of Israel that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him ³therein according to the multitude of his idols; that I may take the house of Israel in ⁵ their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. Therefore say ⁶ unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. For every one of the house of ⁷ Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire ⁴for himself of me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: and I will set my face against that man, and ⁸ will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst

³ Or, *according thereto*
Another reading is, *he is come in the multitude &c.*

⁴ Or, *of him concerning me*

- of my people ; and ye shall know that I am the
 9 LORD. And if the prophet be ¹deceived and ¹Or, enticed
 speaketh a word, I the LORD have deceived
 that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand
 upon him, and will destroy him from the midst
 10 of my people Israel. And they shall bear
²their iniquity : the iniquity of the prophet shall ²Or, the pun-
 be even as the iniquity of him that seeketh *ishment of*
 11 *unto* *their iniquity*
 him ; that the house of Israel may go no more
 astray from me, neither defile themselves any
 more with all their transgressions ; but that
 they may be my people, and I may be their
 God, saith the Lord God.
- 12 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
 13 saying, Son of man, when a land sinneth
 against me by committing a trespass, and I
 stretch out mine hand upon it, and break the
 staff of the bread thereof, and send famine
 upon it, and cut off from it man and beast ;
 14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and
 Job, were in it, they should deliver but their
 own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord
 15 GOD. If I cause noisome beasts to pass through
 the land, and they ³spoil it, so that it be desolate ³Or, bereave
 16 of the beasts ; though these three men were
 in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall
 deliver neither sons nor daughters ; they only
 shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.
- 17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say,
⁴Sword, go through the land ; so that I cut off ⁴Or, Let the
 18 from it man and beast ; though these three sword go
 men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD,
 they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters,
 but they only shall be delivered themselves.
- 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and
 pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut
 20 off from it man and beast : though Noah,

Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. For thus saith the Lord ²¹ God: How much more when I send my four sore judgements upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

¹ Heb. *they that escape.*

Yet, behold, therein shall be left ¹a remnant ²² that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. And ²³ they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done ²without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

² Or, *in vain*

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **15** saying, Son of man, what is the vine tree ²

³ Or, *was*

more than any tree, the vine branch which ³is among the trees of the forest? Shall wood ³ be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel: the ⁴ fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned; is it profitable for any work? Behold, when it was whole, it was ⁵

⁴ Heb. *made into*

⁴meet for no work: how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be ⁴meet for any work? Therefore thus ⁶ saith the Lord God: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so ⁶will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will set my face against ⁷

⁵ Or, *have I given*

⁶ Or, *have gone forth*

them; they ⁶shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that

I am the LORD, when I set my face against them. And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord God.

- 16 ¹ Again the word of the LORD came unto
² me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to
³ know her abominations, and say, Thus saith
the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem: ¹Thy birth and
thy nativity is of the land of the Canaanite; the
Amorite was thy father, and thy mother was an
⁴ Hittite. And as for thy nativity, in the day
thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither
wast thou washed in water to cleanse thee;
thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.
⁵ None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto
thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou
wast cast out in the open field, for that thy
person was abhorred, in the day that thou wast
⁶ born. And when I passed by thee, and saw
thee weltering in thy blood, I said unto thee,
Though thou art in thy blood, live; yea, I said
unto thee, *Though thou art* in thy blood, live.
⁷ I ²caused thee to multiply as the bud of the
field, and thou didst increase and wax great,
and thou attainedst to ³excellent ornament; thy
breasts were fashioned, and thine hair was
⁸ grown; yet thou wast naked and bare. Now
when I passed by thee, and looked upon
thee, behold, thy time was the time of love;
and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered
thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and en-
tered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord
⁹ GOD, and thou becamest mine. Then washed
I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed
away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee
¹⁰ with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered
work, and shod thee with ⁴sealskin, and I
⁵girded thee about with fine linen, and covered

¹ Or, *Thine*
origin

² Heb. *made*
thee a myriad.

³ Heb.
ornament of
ornaments.

⁴ Or, *porpoise-*
skin

⁵ Or, *bound*
thee with a tire
of fine linen

thee with silk. I decked thee also with or- 11
 naments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands,
 and a chain on thy neck. And I put a ring 12
 upon thy nose, and earrings in thine ears,
 and a beautiful crown upon thine head. Thus 13
 wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy
 raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered
 work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and
 oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and
 thou didst prosper unto royal estate. And thy 14
 renown went forth among the nations for thy
 beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty
 which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and 15
 playedst the harlot because of thy renown,
 and pouredst out thy whoredoms on every one
 that passed by; his it was. And thou didst 16
 take of thy garments, and madest for thee high
 places decked with divers colours, and playedst
 the harlot upon them: *the like things* shall not
 come, neither shall it be *so*. Thou didst also 17
 take thy ¹fair jewels of my gold and of my
 silver, which I had given thee, and madest for
 thee ²images of men, and didst play the harlot
 with them; and thou tookest thy brodered 18
 garments, and coveredst them, and didst set
 mine oil and mine incense before them. My 19
 bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil,
 and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou didst
 even set it before them for a sweet savour, and
thus it was; saith the Lord GOD. Moreover 20
 thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters,
 whom thou hast borne unto me, and these
 hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured.
 Were thy whoredoms a small matter, that thou 21
 hast slain my children, and delivered them
 up, in ³causing them to pass through *the fire*
 unto them? And in all thine abominations and 22

¹ Or, *beautiful vessels*

² Or, *male images*

³ Or, *setting them apart*
 Heb. *making them pass over.*

- thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and
 23 bare, and wast weltering in thy blood. And it is come to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe,
 24 woe unto thee! saith the Lord God,) that thou hast built unto thee ¹an eminent place, and hast made thee a lofty place in every
 25 street. Thou hast built thy lofty place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredom. Thou hast also committed
 26 fornication with the Egyptians, thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy whoredom, to provoke me to anger. Behold there-
 27 fore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ²ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines,
 28 which are ashamed of thy lewd way. Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet thou
 29 wast not satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy whoredom ³in the land of Canaan, unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied
 30 herewith. How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish
 31 woman; in that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street; and hast not been
 32 as an harlot, ⁴in that thou scornest hire. A wife that committeth adultery! that taketh
 33 strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all harlots: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and bribest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredoms.

¹ Or, a vaulted chamber

² Or, allowance

³ Or, unto the land of warlike

⁴ Or, that scoffeth at her hire

And the contrary is in thee from *other* women 34
in thy whoredoms, in that none followeth thee
to commit whoredom: and whereas thou givest
hire, and no hire is given unto thee, therefore
thou art contrary.

Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the 35
LORD: Thus saith the Lord GOD, Because thy 36
filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness
discovered through thy whoredoms with thy
lovers; and because of all the idols of thy
abominations, and for the blood of thy children,
which thou didst give unto them; therefore 37
behold, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom
thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou
hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated;
I will even gather them against thee on every
side, and will discover thy nakedness unto them,
that they may see all thy nakedness. And I 38
will judge thee, as women that break wedlock
and shed blood are judged; and I will bring
upon thee the blood of fury and jealousy. I 39
will also give thee into their hand, and they
shall throw down thine eminent place, and break
down thy lofty places; and they shall strip thee
of thy clothes, and take thy fair jewels: and
they shall leave thee naked and bare. They 40
shall also bring up an assembly against thee,
and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust
thee through with their swords. And they 41
shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute
judgements upon thee in the sight of many
women; and I will cause thee to cease from
playing the harlot, and thou shalt also give no
hire any more. So will I ²satisfy my fury 42
³upon thee, and my jealousy shall depart from
thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more
angry. Because thou hast not remembered the 43
days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all

¹ Heb. *brass*.

² Heb. *bring
to rest*.

³ Or, *toward*

these things; therefore behold, I also will bring thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord GOD: and ¹thou shalt not commit *this* lewdness above all thine abominations.

¹ Or, *hast thou not committed &c.?*

- 44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As is the
 45 mother, so is her daughter. Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was an Hittite, and your
 46 father an Amorite. And thine elder sister is Samaria, that dwelleth at thy left hand, she and her daughters: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her
 47 daughters. Yet hast thou not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast more
 48 corrupt than they in all thy ways. As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done,
 49 thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom; pride, fulness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the
 50 hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away ²as I saw *good*.
 51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast
 52 done. Thou also, bear thine own shame, in that thou hast given judgement for thy ³sisters; through thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou also confounded, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy

² Or, *when I saw it*

³ Or, *sister*

¹ Or, *return to* sisters. And I will ¹turn again their captivity, 53
the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and
the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and
the captivity of thy captives in the midst of
them: that thou mayest bear thine own shame, 54
and mayest be ashamed because of all that thou
hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.
And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, 55
shall return to their former estate, and Samaria
and her daughters shall return to their former
estate, and thou and thy daughters shall return
to your former estate. For thy sister Sodom 56
was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day
of thy pride; before thy wickedness was dis- 57
covered, as at the time of the reproach of the
daughters of Syria, and of all that are round
about her, the daughters of the Philistines,
which do despite unto thee round about. Thou 58
hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations,
saith the LORD. For thus saith the Lord GOD: 59
I will even deal with thee as thou hast done,
which hast despised the oath in breaking the
covenant. Nevertheless I will remember my 60
covenant with thee in the days of thy youth,
and I will establish unto thee an everlasting
covenant. Then shalt thou remember thy 61
ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive
thy sisters, thine elder *sisters* and thy younger:
and I will give them unto thee for daughters,
but not by thy covenant. And I will establish 62
my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know
that I am the LORD: that thou mayest re- 63
member, and be confounded, and never open
thy mouth any more, because of thy shame;
when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast
done, saith the Lord GOD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **17**
saying, Son of man, put forth a riddle, and ²

- 3 speak a parable unto the house of Israel; and
 say, Thus saith the Lord God: A great eagle
 with great wings and long pinions, full of
 feathers, which had divers colours, came unto
 4 Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: he
 cropped off the topmost of the young twigs
 thereof, and carried it into ¹a land of traffic; he
 5 set it in a city of merchants. He took also of
 the seed of the land, and planted it in ²a fruitful
 soil; he placed it beside ³many waters; he set
 6 it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became
 a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches
 turned toward him, and the roots thereof were
 under him: so it became a vine, and brought
 7 forth branches, and shot forth sprigs. There
 was also another great eagle with great wings
 and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did
 bend its roots toward him, and shot forth its
 branches toward him, from the beds of its plant-
 8 ation, that he might water it. It was planted
 in a good ⁴soil by ³many waters, that it might
 bring forth branches, and that it might bear
 9 fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. Say thou,
 Thus saith the Lord God: Shall it prosper?
 shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut
 off the fruit thereof, that it may wither; that all
 its fresh springing leaves may wither; even
 without great power or much ⁵people to pluck
 10 it up by the roots thereof? Yea, behold, being
 planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly
 wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall
 wither in the beds where it grew.
 11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto
 12 me, saying, Say now to the rebellious house,
 Know ye not what these things mean? tell
 them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to
 Jerusalem, and took the king thereof, and the
 princes thereof, and brought them to him to

¹ Or, the land
of Canaan

² Heb. a field
of seed.

³ Or, great

⁴ Heb. field.

⁵ Or, people,
plucking &c.

¹ Heb. *low*.

Babylon; and he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land: that the kingdom might be ¹base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand. But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? shall he break the covenant, and yet escape? As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company make for him in the war, when they cast up mounts and build forts, to cut off many persons. For he hath despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet hath done all these things; he shall not escape. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, I will even bring it upon his own head. And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. And all his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it.

Thus saith the Lord God: I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of his young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent: in the mountain of the

height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches
 24 thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

- 18 ¹ The word of the LORD came unto me again,
² saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb
¹ concerning the land of Israel, saying, The ¹ Or, in
 fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the child-
³ ren's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the
 Lord GOD, ye shall not have *occasion* any more
⁴ to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls
 are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the
 soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it
⁵ shall die. But if a man be just, and do ² that
⁶ which is lawful and right, and hath not eaten
 upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his
 eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither
 hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath
⁷ come near to a woman in her separation; and
 hath not wronged any, but hath restored to
 the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by
 violence, hath given his bread to the hungry,
 and hath covered the naked with a garment;
⁸ he that hath not given forth upon usury,
 neither hath taken any increase, that hath with-
 drawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed
⁹ true judgement between man and man, hath
 walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judge-
 ments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely
¹⁰ live, saith the Lord GOD. If he beget a son
 that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and ³ that
¹¹ doeth any one of these things, and that doeth ³ Or, that
 doeth to a brother any of
 these

not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, hath wronged the poor and needy, hath ¹² spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, hath given forth ¹³ upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations: he shall surely ¹die; his blood shall be upon him. Now, lo, if he beget ¹⁴ a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and ²feareth, and doeth not such like, that hath not eaten upon the mountains, ¹⁵ neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath wronged any, hath ¹⁶ not taken aught to pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, that hath withdrawn his hand from the ¹⁷ poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgements, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. As for his ¹⁸ father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die ³in his iniquity. Yet say ye, Wherefore doth not ¹⁹ the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. The soul that ²⁰ sinneth, it shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he ²¹

¹ Heb. *be put to death.*

² Another reading is, *seeth, or, considereth.*

³ Or, *for*

hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall
 22 surely live, he shall not die. None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness
 23 that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord GOD: and not rather that he should re-
 24 turn from his way, and live? But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin
 25 that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my way
 26 equal? are not your ways unequal? When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, ¹and dieth ²therein; ³in his iniquity that he hath done shall he
 27 die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he con-
 28 sidereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall
 29 surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways
 30 equal? are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; ⁴so iniquity shall not be your
 31 ⁵ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and

¹ Or, *he shall die*

² Or, *because of it*

³ Or, *for*

⁴ Or, *so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you*

⁵ Heb. *stumblingblock*.

make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I ³² have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the ¹ **19** princes of Israel, and say, What was thy mother? ² A lioness: she couched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her whelps. And she brought up one of her whelps; he ³ became a young lion: and he learned to catch the prey, he devoured men. The nations also ⁴ heard of him; he was taken in their pit: and they brought him with hooks unto the land of Egypt. Now when she saw that she had wait- ⁵ ed, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion. And he went up and down among the lions, he ⁶ became a young lion: and he learned to catch the prey, he devoured men. And he knew ⁷ their ¹palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, because of the noise of his roaring. Then the ⁸ nations set against him on every side from the provinces: and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. And they put him in ⁹ a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strong holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

¹ Or, *widows*
² See ch. xvi. 6.
Or, *in thy likeness*

Thy mother was like a vine, ²in thy blood, ¹⁰ planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. And ¹¹ she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and ³their stature was exalted among the ⁴thick boughs, and ⁵they were seen in ³their height with the multitude of ³their branches. But she was plucked up in fury, she ¹²

³ Heb. *his*.

⁴ Or, *clouds*

⁵ Heb. *he was*.

was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit : her strong rods were broken
13 off and withered ; the fire consumed them. And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry
14 and thirsty land. And fire is gone out of ¹the ¹ Or, a rod rods of her branches, it hath devoured her fruit, so that there is in her no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 ¹ And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth *day* of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of
2 the LORD, and sat before me. And the word of
3 the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD : Are ye come to inquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord
4 GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of
5 their fathers ; and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD : In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the
6 LORD your God ; in that day I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is
7 the glory of all lands : and I said unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols
8 of Egypt ; I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me ; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt : then I said I would

pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for my name's sake, 9 that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. So I 10 caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and ¹shewed 11 them my judgements, which if a man do, he shall live ²in them. Moreover also I gave them 12 my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that ³I am the LORD that sanctify them. But the house of 13 Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected my judgements, which if a man do, he shall live ²in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it 14 should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. Moreover also I lifted up my hand unto them 15 in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; because they rejected my judgements, 16 and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless mine eye spared them 17 from destroying them, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness. And I said 18 unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgements, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am the LORD your God; 19

¹ Heb. *made them to know.*

² Or, *by*

³ Or, *I the LORD do sanctify them*

- walk in my statutes, and keep my judgements,
 20 and do them: and hallow my sabbaths; and
 they shall be a sign between me and you, that
 ye may know that I am the LORD your God.
 21 But the children rebelled against me; they
 walked not in my statutes, neither kept my
 judgements to do them, which if a man do, he
 shall live ¹in them; they profaned my sabbaths: ¹ Or, *by*
 then I said I would pour out my fury upon
 them, to accomplish my anger against them in
 22 the wilderness. Nevertheless I withdrew mine
 hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it
 should not be profaned in the sight of the
 nations, in whose sight I brought them forth.
 23 Moreover I lifted up mine hand unto them in
 the wilderness, that I would scatter them among
 the nations, and disperse them through the
 24 countries; because they had not executed my
 judgements, but had rejected my statutes, and
 had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were
 25 after their fathers' idols. Moreover also I gave
 them statutes that were not good, and judge-
 26 ments ²wherein they should not live; and I ² Or, *whereby*
 polluted them in their own gifts, in that they
³caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth ³ Or, *set apart*
 the womb, that I might make them desolate, to *all*
 the end that they might know that I am the *See Ex. xiii.*
 LORD. *12.*
- 27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house
 of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the
 Lord GOD: In this moreover have your fathers
 blasphemed me, in that they have committed a
 28 trespass against me. For when I had brought
 them into the land, which I lifted up mine hand
 to give unto them, then they ⁴saw every high ⁴ Or, *looked out*
 hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there *for*
 their sacrifices, and there they presented the
 provocation of their offering, there also they

¹ Or,
*whereunto ye
 go, and the
 name whereof
 ...day?*

² That is, *High
 place.*

made their sweet savour, and they poured out there their drink offerings. Then I said unto ²⁹ them, What meaneth the high place ¹whereunto ye go? So the name thereof is called ²Bamah unto this day. Wherefore say unto the house of ³⁰ Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Do ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and go ye a whoring after their abominations? and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make ³¹ your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, unto this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you: and that which ³² cometh into your mind shall not be at all; in that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely ³³ with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I be king over you: and I will bring you out from the ³⁴ peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out: and I will bring you into the ³⁵ wilderness of the peoples, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with ³⁶ your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the ³⁷ rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; and I will purge out from among ³⁸ you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. As for you, O house of Israel, ³⁹ thus saith the Lord GOD: Go ye, serve every

- one his idols, ¹and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but my holy name shall ye no more profane with your gifts, and with your
- 40 idols. For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the ²firstfruits of your ³oblations, with all your holy
- 41 things. ⁴As a sweet savour will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you
- 42 in the sight of the nations. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I lifted up mine hand to give unto your fathers.
- 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have com-
- 44 mitted. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.
- 45 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
- 46 saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the
- 47 South; and say to the forest of the South, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the
- 48 north shall be burnt thereby. And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it

¹ Or, but hereafter surely ye shall hearken unto me, and &c.

² Or, chief

³ Or, tribute

⁴ Or, With

[Ch. xxi. 1 in Heb.]

shall not be quenched. Then said I, Ah Lord ⁴⁹ GOD! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?

[Ch. xxi. 6 in Heb.]

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **21** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Jeru- ² salem, and drop *thy word* toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; and say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the ³ LORD: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the ⁴ righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: and all flesh ⁵ shall know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. Sigh therefore, thou son of man; ⁶ with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. And it ⁷ shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say, Because of the tidings, for it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall ¹ faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

¹ Or, *be dim*

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ⁸ saying, Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus ⁹ saith the LORD: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished: it is sharpened ¹⁰ that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? ² the rod of my son, it contemneth every tree. And it is given to be furbished, that it ¹¹ may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yea, it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. Cry and howl, son of man: for it is ¹²

² Or, *it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree*

- upon my people, it is upon all the princes of Israel: ¹they are delivered over to the sword with my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.
- ¹³ For there is a trial; and ²what if even the rod that contemneth shall be no more? saith the
- ¹⁴ Lord GOD. Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one that is deadly wounded, which ³enter-
- ¹⁵ eth into their chambers. I have set the ⁴point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, it is pointed
- ¹⁶ for slaughter. ⁵Gather thee together, go to the right; set thyself in array, go to the left;
- ¹⁷ ⁶whithersoever thy face is set. I will also smite mine hands together, and I will ⁷satisfy my fury: I the LORD have spoken it.
- ¹⁸ The word of the LORD came unto me again,
- ¹⁹ saying, Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a ⁸place, mark it out at
- ²⁰ the head of the way to the city. Thou shalt appoint a way, for the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced. For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows to and fro, he consulted the teraphim,
- ²² he looked in the liver. In his right hand was the divination *for* Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth ⁹in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounts, to
- ²³ build forts. And it shall be unto them as a vain divination in their sight, which have

¹ Or, terrors by reason of the sword are upon my people

² Or, what if the sword condemn even the rod? it shall be no more, &c.

³ Or, compasseth them about

⁴ Or, consternation

⁵ Heb. Make thyself one.

⁶ Or, whither is thy face set?

⁷ Heb. bring to rest.

⁸ Heb. hand.

⁹ Or, for

sworn oaths unto them: but he bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ²⁴ ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. And thou, O ²⁵ deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day is come, in the time of the ¹iniquity of the end; thus saith the Lord GOD: ²⁶ Remove the mitre, and take off the crown: this *shall be* ³no more the same: exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high. ⁴I ²⁷ will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

And thou, son of man, prophesy, and say, ²⁸ Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say thou, A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furbished, ⁵to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning: whiles they see ²⁹ vanity unto thee, whiles they divine lies unto thee, to lay thee upon the necks of the wicked that are deadly wounded, whose day is come, in the time of the ¹iniquity of the end. Cause ³⁰ it to return into its sheath. In the place where thou wast created, in the land of ⁶thy birth, will I judge thee. And I will pour out mine in- ³¹ dignation upon thee; I will blow upon thee with the fire of my wrath: and I will deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, skilful to destroy. Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; ³² thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the LORD have spoken it.

¹ Or, *punishment*

² Or, *I will remove &c.*

³ Heb. *not this.*

⁴ Heb. *An overthrow, overthrow, overthrow, will I make it.*

⁵ Or, *to the uttermost*

⁶ Or, *thine origin*

- 22** ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
² me, saying, And thou, son of man, wilt thou
 judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? ¹ then ¹ Or, and
³ cause her to know all her abominations. And
 thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: A
 city that sheddeth blood in the midst of her,
 that her time may come, and that maketh idols
⁴ against herself to defile her! Thou art become
 guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed, and
 art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made;
 and thou hast caused thy days to draw near,
 and art come even unto thy years: therefore
 have I made thee a reproach unto the nations,
⁵ and a mocking to all the countries. Those that
 be near, and those that be far from thee, shall
 mock thee, thou ² infamous one *and* full of ² Heb. *defiled*
⁶ tumult. Behold, the princes of Israel, every *of name.*
 one according to his ³ power, have been in thee ³ Heb. *arm.*
⁷ to shed blood. In thee have they set light by
 father and mother; in the midst of thee have
 they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in
 thee have they wronged the fatherless and the
⁸ widow. Thou hast despised mine holy things,
⁹ and hast profaned my sabbaths. Slandorous
 men have been in thee to shed blood: and in
 thee they have eaten upon the mountains: in
 the midst of thee they have committed lewdness.
¹⁰ In thee have they discovered their fathers' naked-
 ness: in thee have they humbled her that was
¹¹ unclean in her separation. And one hath com-
 mitted abomination with his neighbour's wife;
 and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter
 in law; and another in thee hath humbled his
¹² sister, his father's daughter. In thee have they
 taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken
 usury and increase, and thou hast greedily
 gained of thy neighbours by oppression, and
¹³ hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD. Be-

hold, therefore, I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. Can thine heart endure, or can thine 14 hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it. And I will scatter thee among the 15 nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee. And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in the 16 sight of the nations; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 17 saying, Son of man, the house of Israel is 18 become dross unto me: all of them are brass and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. There- 19 fore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye are all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. As 20 they gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will lay you there, and melt you. Yea, I will gather 21 you, and blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. As silver is melted in the midst of 22 the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 23 saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art 24 a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a con- 25 spiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious

things; they have made her widows many in
 26 the midst thereof. Her priests have done
 violence to my law, and have profaned mine
 holy things: they have put no difference be-
 tween the holy and the common, neither have
 they caused men to discern between the unclean
 and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my
 27 sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her
 princes in the midst thereof are like wolves
 ravening the prey; to shed blood, *and* to de-
 stroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain.
 28 And her prophets have daubed for them with
 untempered *mortar*, seeing vanity, and divining
 lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord
 29 GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. The
 people of the land have used oppression, and
 exercised robbery; yea, they have vexed the
 poor and needy, and have oppressed the stranger
 30 wrongfully. And I sought for a man among
 them, that should make up the fence, and stand
 in the gap before me for the land, that I should
 31 not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore
 have I poured out mine indignation upon them;
 I have consumed them with the fire of my
 wrath: their own way have I brought upon
 their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

23 1 The word of the LORD came again unto
 2 me, saying, Son of man, there were two women,
 3 the daughters of one mother: and they com-
 mitted whoredoms in Egypt; they committed
 whoredoms in their youth: there were their
 breasts pressed, and there they bruised the
 4 teats of their virginity. And the names of
 them were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her
 sister: and they became mine, and they bare
 sons and daughters. And as for their names,
 Samaria is ¹Oholah, and Jerusalem ²Oholibah.
 5 And Oholah played the harlot ³when she was

¹ That is, *Her tent*.

² That is, *My tent is in her*.

³ See Num. v. 19, 20.

mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians *her* neighbours, which were clothed 6 with blue, governors and ¹rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. And she bestowed her whoredoms 7 upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them: and on whomsoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. Neither hath 8 she left her whoredoms ²since *the days of* Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the teats of her virginity: and they poured out their whoredom upon her. Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of 9 her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. These discovered her naked- 10 ness: they took her sons and her daughters, and her they slew with the sword: and she became ³a byword among women; for they executed judgements upon her. And her sister Oholibah 11 saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms which were more than the whoredoms of her sister. She 12 doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, *her* neighbours, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. And I saw that she was defiled; 13 they both took one way. And she increased 14 her whoredoms; for she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, girded with girdles 15 upon their loins, ⁴exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look upon, after the likeness of the Babylonians ⁵in Chaldea, the land of their nativity. And ⁶as soon as 16 she saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. And the 17 Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and

¹ Or, *deputies*
See Jer. li. 23,
&c.

² Or, brought
from Egypt

³ Heb. *name*.

⁴ Or, *with*
dyed turbans

⁵ Or, *the*
land of whose
nativity is
Chaldea

⁶ Heb. *at the*
sight of her
eyes.

she was polluted with them, and her soul was
 18 alienated from them. So she discovered her
 whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness:
 then my soul was alienated from her, like as
 19 my soul was alienated from her sister. Yet
 she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the
 days of her youth, wherein she had played the
 20 harlot in the land of Egypt. And she doted upon
 their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of
 asses, and whose issue is like the issue of
 21 horses. Thus thou calledst to remembrance
 the lewdness of thy youth, in the bruising of
 thy teats by the Egyptians for the breasts of
 thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Oholibah, thus saith the Lord
 GOD: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against
 thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I
 will bring them against thee on every side;
 23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod
 and Shoa and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians
 with them: desirable young men, governors
 and rulers all of them, princes and ¹men of
 24 renown, all of them riding upon horses. And
 they shall come against thee with weapons,
 chariots, and ²wagons, and with an assembly
 of peoples; they shall set themselves against
 thee with buckler and shield and helmet round
 about: and I will commit the judgement unto
 them, and they shall judge thee according to their
 25 judgements. And I will set my jealousy against
 thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury;
 they shall take away thy nose and thine ears;
 and thy residue shall fall by the sword: they
 shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy
 26 residue shall be devoured by the fire. They
 shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take
 27 away thy fair jewels. Thus will I make thy
 lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom

¹ Or,
counsellors
 Heb. *called*.

² Or, *wheels*

¹ See ver. 8.

¹*brought* from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. For thus saith ²⁸ the Lord GOD: Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated: and they shall deal with thee in ²⁹ hatred, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. These ³⁰ things shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols. Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; ³¹ therefore will I give her cup into thine hand. Thus saith the Lord GOD: Thou shalt drink ³² of thy sister's cup, which is deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; ²it containeth much. Thou shalt be ³³ filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. Thou shalt even ³⁴ drink it and drain it out, and thou shalt gnaw the sherds thereof, and shalt tear thy breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ³⁵ thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

² Or, *too much to endure*

The LORD said moreover unto me: Son of ³⁶ man, wilt thou judge Oholah and Oholibah? then declare unto them their abominations. For they have committed adultery, and blood ³⁷ is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also ³caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass through *the fire* unto them to be devoured.

³ See ch. xvi. 20, 21.

- 38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day,
 39 and have profaned my sabbaths. For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the
 40 midst of mine house. And furthermore ye have sent for men ¹that come from far: unto whom a messenger was sent, and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thine eyes, and deckedst thyself with
 41 ornaments; and satest upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou
 42 didst set mine incense and mine oil. And the voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets upon the hands of them *twain*, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.
 43 Then said I ²of her that was old in adulteries, Now will they commit ³whoredoms with her,
 44 ⁴and she *with them*. And they went in unto her, as they go in unto an harlot: so went they in unto Oholah and unto Oholibah, the lewd
 45 women. And righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgement of adulteresses, and with the judgement of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in
 46 their hands. For thus saith the Lord God: I will bring up an assembly against them, and will give them to be tossed to and fro and
 47 spoiled. And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.
 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do
 49 after your lewdness. And they shall recom-

¹ Or, *to come*² Or, *She that is old will commit adulteries*³ Heb. *her whoredoms*.⁴ Or, *even with her*

pense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, ¹ **24** in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, write ² thee the name of the day, *even* of this selfsame day: the king of Babylon ¹drew close unto Jerusalem this selfsame day. And utter a para- ³ ble unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: gather the pieces thereof into it, even every ⁴ good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. Take the choice of the ⁵ flock, and pile also the bones under it: make it boil well; yea, let the bones thereof be seethed in the midst of it.

¹ Heb. *leaned upon*.

² Or, *scum*

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God: Woe to ⁶ the bloody city, to the caldron whose ²rust is therein, and whose ²rust is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; no lot is fallen upon it. For her blood is in the midst of her; she ⁷ set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; that it ⁸ might cause fury to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered. Therefore thus saith ⁹ the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great. Heap on the wood, ¹⁰ make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned. Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that ¹¹ it may be hot, and the brass thereof may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the rust of it may be consumed. She hath ¹² wearied ³*herself* with toil: yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her; her rust ⁴*goeth not*

³ Or, *me*

⁴ Or, *is in the fire*

- 13 *forth* by fire. ¹In thy filthiness is lewdness: ¹ Or. *For thy filthy lewdness*
because I have purged thee and thou wast not
purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy
filthiness any more, till I have ²satisfied my fury ² Heb. *brought to rest.*
14 ³upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it: it ³ Or, *toward*
shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go
back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent;
according to thy ways, and according to thy do-
ings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me,
16 saying, Son of man, behold, I take away from
thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet
neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall
17 thy tears run down. Sigh, ⁴but not aloud; ⁴ Heb. *be silent.*
make no mourning for the dead, bind thy head-
tire upon thee, and put thy shoes upon thy
feet, and cover not thy lips, and ⁵eat not the ⁵ See Jer. xvi.
18 bread of men. So I spake unto the people in ^{5-7, Hos.}
the morning; and at even my wife died: and I ^{ix. 4.}
19 did in the morning as I was commanded. And
the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us
what these things are to us, that thou doest so?
20 Then I said unto them, The word of the LORD
21 came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of
Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will
profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power,
the desire of your eyes, and ⁶that which your ⁶ Heb. *the pity of your soul.*
soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters
whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword.
22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not
23 cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. And
your tires shall be upon your heads, and your
shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor
weep; but ye shall pine away in your iniquities,
24 and moan one toward another. Thus shall
Ezekiel be unto you a sign; according to all that
he hath done shall ye do: when this cometh,
then shall ye know that I am the Lord GOD.

¹ Or, *strong hold*

² Or, *beauty*

³ Heb. *the lifting up of their soul.*

⁴ Or, *together with*

And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the ²⁵ day when I take from them their ¹strength, the joy of their ²glory, the desire of their eyes, and ³that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, that in that day he that ²⁶ escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? In that day shall thy ²⁷ mouth be opened ⁴to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

⁵ Or, *concerning*

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **25** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the ² children of Ammon, and prophesy ⁵against them: and say unto the children of Ammon, ³ Hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God: Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: therefore behold, I will deliver ⁴ thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. And I will ⁵ make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of Ammon a couching place for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. For thus ⁶ saith the Lord GOD: Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of thy soul against the land of Israel; therefore behold, I have stretched ⁷ out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

8 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because that
 Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of
 9 Judah is like unto all the nations; therefore
 behold, I will open the side of Moab from the
 cities, from his cities which are ¹on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-
 10 meon, and Kiriathaim, ²unto the children of the
 east, to go against the children of Ammon, and
 I will give them for a possession, that the child-
 ren of Ammon may not be remembered among
 11 the nations: and I will execute judgements
 upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the
 LORD.

¹ Or, in every
quarter

² Or, together
with the
children of
Ammon, unto
the children of
the east

12 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because that
 Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by
 taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended,
 13 and revenged himself upon them; therefore
 thus saith the Lord GOD, I will stretch out mine
 hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and
 beast from it: and I will make it desolate from
 Teman; even unto Dedan shall they fall by the
 14 sword. And I will lay my vengeance upon
 Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and
 they shall do in Edom according to mine anger
 and according to my fury: and they shall know
 my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because the
 Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have
 taken vengeance with despite of soul to destroy
 16 it with perpetual enmity; therefore thus saith
 the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out mine
 hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the
 Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the
 17 sea coast. And I will execute great vengeance
 upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall
 know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my
 vengeance upon them.

26 ¹ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in

the first *day* of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gate of the peoples; she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste: therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and she shall become a spoil to the nations. And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am the LORD. For thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and much people. He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make forts against thee, and cast up a mount against thee, and raise up the buckler against thee. And he shall set his battering engines against thy walls, and with his ¹axes he shall break down thy towers. By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the ²wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people with the sword, and the ³pillars of thy strength shall go down to the ground. And

¹ Heb. *swords*.

² Or, *wheels*.

³ Or, *obelisks*.

- they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and
 13 thy dust in the midst of the waters. And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
 14 And I will make thee a bare rock: thou shalt be a place for the spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
 15 Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made
 16 in the midst of thee? Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with¹ trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished
 17 at thee. And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited² of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which caused their
 18 terror to be on all that³ haunt it! Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be dismayed at
 19 thy departure. For thus saith the Lord GOD: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and the great
 20 waters shall cover thee; then will I bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make thee to dwell in the nether parts of the earth, ⁴in the places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited;

¹ Heb.
tremblings.

² Or, being
won from the
seas

³ Or, inhabited
her

⁴ Another
reading is,
like.

¹ Or, as other-
wise read, *nor*
set thy glory
&c.

² Or,
a destruction
Heb. *terrors*.

³ Heb.
entrances.

⁴ Heb. *built*.

⁵ Or, *deck*

⁶ Or, *elders*

⁷ Or, *exchange*

⁸ Or, *valorous*
men

¹and I will set glory in the land of the living :
I will make thee ²a terror, and thou shalt be no ²¹
more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou
never be found again, saith the Lord God.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, **1 27**
saying, And thou, son of man, take up a lament- ²
ation for Tyre; and say unto Tyre, O thou ³
that dwellest at the ³entry of the sea, which art
the merchant of the peoples unto many isles,
thus saith the Lord GOD: Thou, O Tyre, hast
said, I am perfect in beauty. Thy borders are ⁴
in the heart of the seas, thy builders have per-
fected thy beauty. They have ⁴made all thy ⁵
planks of fir trees from Senir: they have taken
cedars from Lebanon to make a mast for thee.
Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine ⁶
oars; they have made thy ⁵benches of ivory
inlaid in boxwood, from the isles of Kittim.
Of fine linen with brodered work from Egypt ⁷
was thy sail, that it might be to thee for an
ensign; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah
was thine awning. The inhabitants of Zidon ⁸
and Arvad were thy rowers: thy wise men, O
Tyre, were in thee, they were thy pilots. The ⁹
⁶ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof
were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the
sea with their mariners were in thee to ⁷occupy
thy merchandise. Persia and Lud and Put ¹⁰
were in thine army, thy men of war: they
hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set
forth thy comeliness. The men of Arvad with ¹¹
thine army were upon thy walls round about,
and ⁸the Gammadim were in thy towers: they
hanged their shields upon thy walls round about;
they have perfected thy beauty. Tarshish was ¹²
thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all
kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead,
they traded for thy wares. Javan, Tubal, and ¹³

- Meshech, they were thy traffickers: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for thy
 14 merchandise. They of the house of Togarmah traded for thy wares with horses and war-horses
 15 and mules. The men of Dedan were thy traffickers: many isles were the mart of thine hand: they brought thee ¹in exchange horns of
 16 ivory and ebony. Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of thy handyworks: they traded for thy wares with ²emeralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral,
 17 and rubies. Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and ³pannag, and
 18 honey, and oil, and balm. Damascus was thy merchant for the multitude of thy handyworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with the wine of Helbon, and white wool.
 19 Vedan and Javan traded ⁴with yarn for thy wares: ⁵bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were
 20 among thy merchandise. Dedan was thy traf-
 21 ficker in precious cloths for riding. Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of thy hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they thy merchants.
 22 The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy wares with chief of all spices, and with all precious
 23 stones, and gold. Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur *and*
 24 Chilmad, were thy traffickers. These were thy traffickers in choice wares, in ⁶wrappings of
 blue and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and made of cedar,
 25 among thy merchandise. The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchandise: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious
 26 in the heart of the seas. Thy rowers have

¹ Or, *for a present*² Or, *carbuncles*³ Perhaps, a kind of confection.⁴ According to some ancient versions, *from Uzal*.⁵ Or, *wrought*⁶ Or, *bales*

brought thee into great waters : the east wind hath broken thee in the heart of the seas. Thy ²⁷ riches, and thy wares, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the ¹occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, ²with all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of thy ruin. At ²⁸ the sound of the cry of thy pilots the ³suburbs shall shake. And all that handle the oar, the ²⁹ mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land, and shall cause their voice to ³⁰ be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes : and they shall ³¹ make themselves bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. And ³² in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, Who is there like Tyre, like her that is brought to silence in the midst of the sea? When thy ³³ wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many peoples ; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. ⁴In the time that thou ³⁴ wast broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company did fall in the midst of thee. All the inhabitants ³⁵ of the isles are astonished at thee, and their kings are horribly afraid, they are troubled in their countenance. The merchants among the ³⁶ peoples hiss at thee ; thou art become ⁵a terror, and thou shalt never be any more.

The word of the LORD came again unto ¹ **28** me, saying, Son of man, say unto the prince ² of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord GOD : Because

¹ Or,
exchangers
² Or, *and in*

³ Or, *waves*

⁴ According to some ancient versions, *Now thou art broken... are fallen &c.*

⁵ Or,
a destruction
Heb. *terrors*.

- thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the ¹midst of the seas; yet thou art man, and not God, though thou didst set thine heart as the ¹Heb. *heart*.
- ³ heart of God: behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide
- ⁴ from thee: by thy wisdom and by thine understanding thou hast gotten thee ²riches, and hast ²Or, *power*
- ⁵ gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: by thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffic hast thou increased thy ²riches, and thine heart is lifted up
- ⁶ because of thy ²riches: therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because thou hast set thine heart
- ⁷ as the heart of God; therefore behold, I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they
- ⁸ shall ³defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit; and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain, in the heart of the
- ⁹ seas. Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou art man, and not God, in the hand of him that ⁴woundeth thee. ⁴Or, *profaneth*
- ¹⁰ Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.
- ¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
- ¹² me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God: Thou sealest up the ⁵sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in ⁵Or, *measure*
- ¹³ beauty. Thou wast in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, ⁵Or, *pattern*
- the ⁶sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ⁷emerald, and the ⁸carbuncle, and gold: the ⁷Or, *castuncle*
- workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created ⁸Or, *emerald*

they were prepared. Thou wast the anointed 14
 cherub that covereth: and I set thee, *so that*
 thou wast upon the holy mountain of God;
 thou hast walked up and down in the midst
 of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in 15
 thy ways from the day that thou wast created,
 till unrighteousness was found in thee. By the 16
 multitude of thy traffic they filled the midst of
 thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: there-
 fore have I cast thee as profane out of the
 mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee,
 O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones
 of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of 17
 thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by
 reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to
 the ground, I have laid thee before kings, that
 they may behold thee. By the multitude of 18
 thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy
 traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; there-
 fore have I brought forth a fire from the midst
 of thee, it hath devoured thee, and I have
 turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight
 of all them that behold thee. All they that 19
 know thee among the peoples shall be aston-
 ished at thee: thou art become ¹a terror, and
 thou shalt never be any more.

¹ Or, *a*
destruction
 Heb. *terrors*.

And the word of the LORD came unto 20
 me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward 21
 Zidon, and prophesy against it, and say, Thus 22
 saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against
 thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the
 midst of thee: and they shall know that I am
 the LORD, when I shall have executed judge-
 ments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
 For I will send into her pestilence and blood in 23
 her streets; and the wounded shall ²fall in the
 midst of her, with the sword upon her on every
 side; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

² Or, *be judged*

24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor a grieving thorn of any that are round about them, that did despite unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Thus saith the Lord God: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave
26 to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell securely therein; yea, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely; when I have executed judgements upon all those that do them despite round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

29 1 In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the
2 LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:
3 speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine
4 own, and I have made it for myself. And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, with all the fish of thy rivers which stick unto
5 thy scales. And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the ¹open field; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the
6 earth and to the fowls of the heaven. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff

¹ Heb. *face of the field.*

¹ Or, *by the handle*
Another reading is, *with the hand.*

² Or, as some read, *shake*
See Ps. lxi.
23.

³ Or, *from Migdol to Syene and even &c.*

⁴ Or, *origin*

⁵ Heb. *low.*

of reed to the house of Israel. When they ⁷ took hold of thee ¹by thy hand, thou didst break, and didst rend all their shoulders: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to ²be at a stand. There- ⁸fore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. And the land of Egypt ⁹ shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it. Therefore behold, I am against thee, and ¹⁰ against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, ³from the tower of Seveneh even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through ¹¹ it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. And I will ¹² make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. For thus ¹³ saith the Lord God: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered: and I will bring ¹⁴ again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their ⁴birth; and they shall be there a ⁵base kingdom. It shall be the basest of the ¹⁵ kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. And it shall be no more the confidence of the ¹⁶ house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came
 18 unto me, saying, Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for
 19 the service that he had served against it: therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt ¹as his recompence for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD.

¹ Or, for his labour: whereunto he served.

21 In that day will I cause an horn to bud forth unto the house of Israel, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

30 ¹ The word of the LORD came again unto me,
² saying, Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Howl ye, Woe worth the
³ day! For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a day of clouds; it shall be the
⁴ time of the heathen. And a sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in ²Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her found-
⁵ ations shall be broken down. ²Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Cub, and the children of ³the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

² Heb. Cush.

³ Or, the land of the covenant

6 Thus saith the LORD: They also that uphold Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come down: ⁴from the tower of

⁴ Or, from Migdol to Syene

Seveneh shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall be desolate in 7 the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. And they shall know that I am the 8 LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all

¹ Heb. *broken*.

her helpers are ¹destroyed. In that day shall 9 messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will also make 10 the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. He and his 11 people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. And I will make 12 the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and ²all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken it.

² Heb. *the fulness thereof*.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will also destroy 13 the idols, and I will cause the ³images to cease from Noph; and there shall be no more a prince out of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. And I will make 14 Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgements in No. And I will 15 pour my fury upon Sin, the strong hold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall be in 16 great anguish, and No shall be broken up: and Noph *shall have* adversaries ⁴in the day-time. The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall 17 fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity. At Tehaphnches also the day shall 18

³ Or, *things of nought*
See Ps. xcvi. 5.

⁴ Or, *all the day*

⁵ Another reading is, *be dark*.

⁵ withdraw itself, when I shall break there the

yokes of Egypt, and the pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into
19 captivity. Thus will I execute judgements in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up to apply *healing* medicines, to put a roller to bind it, that it be strong to hold
22 the sword. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the
23 sword to fall out of his hand. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will dis-
24 perse them through the countries. And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly
25 wounded man. And I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.
26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

31 1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me,
2 saying, Son of man, say unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou

like in thy greatness? Behold, the Assyrian ³ was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; ¹ and his top was among the thick boughs. The ⁴ waters nourished him, the deep made him to grow: her rivers ran round about her plantation; and she sent out her channels unto all the trees of the field. Therefore his stature was ⁵ exalted above all the trees of the field; and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long by reason of ² many waters, when he shot *them* forth. All the fowls of heaven made ⁶ their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. Thus was he fair in his greatness, in ⁷ the length of his branches: for his root was by ² many waters. The cedars in the garden of ⁸ God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the plane trees were not as his branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like unto him in his beauty. I made ⁹ him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

¹ Or, *clouds*

² Or, *great*

³ Or, *said*

Therefore thus ³said the Lord GOD: Be- ¹⁰ cause thou art exalted in stature, and he hath set his top among the ¹thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; I will even ¹¹ deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness. And ¹² strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the water-courses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have

13 left him. Upon his ruin all the fowls of the
 14 heaven shall dwell, and all the beasts of the
 field shall be upon his branches: to the end
 that none of all the trees by the waters exalt
 themselves in their stature, neither set their top
 among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty
 ones stand up in their height, *even* all that drink
 water: for they are all delivered unto death,
 to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of
 the children of men, with them that go down
 to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day when
 he went down to ¹hell I caused a mourning: I ¹ Heb. *Sheol*.
 covered the deep for him, and I restrained the
 rivers thereof, and the great waters were stayed:
 and I caused Lebanon ²to mourn for him, and ² Heb. *to be*
 16 all the trees of the field fainted for him. I *black*.
 made the nations to shake at the sound of his
 fall, when I cast him down to ¹hell with them
 that descend into the pit: and all the trees of
 Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that
 drink water, were comforted in the nether parts
 17 of the earth. They also went down into ¹hell
 with him unto them that be slain by the sword;
 yea, they that were his arm, *that* dwelt under
 his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and
 in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet
 shalt thou be brought down with the trees of
 Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou
 shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised,
 with them that be slain by the sword. This is
 Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord
 GOD.

32 ¹ And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in
 the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month,
 that the word of the LORD came unto me,
 2 saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for

Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of the nations: yet art thou as a dragon in the seas; and thou brakest forth ¹with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will spread ³out my net over thee with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. And I will leave thee upon the land, ⁴I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to settle upon thee, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with thee. And I will lay thy ⁵flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy ²height. I will also water with thy ⁶blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of thee. And when I shall extinguish ⁷thee, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof ³dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make ⁸³dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD. I will also vex ⁹the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. Yea, I ¹⁰will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. For thus saith the Lord GOD: The sword of ¹¹the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. By the swords of the mighty will I cause ¹²thy multitude to fall; the terrible of the nations are they all: and they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be

¹ Or, *in*² Or, as otherwise read, *worms*³ Or, *to mourn*

- 13 destroyed. I will destroy also all the beasts
 thereof from beside ¹many waters: neither shall
 the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the
 14 hoofs of beasts trouble them. Then will I ²make
 their waters clear, and cause their rivers to
 15 run like oil, saith the Lord GOD. When I shall
 make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a
 land destitute of ³that whereof it was full, when
 I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then
 16 shall they know that I am the LORD. This is the
 lamentation wherewith they shall lament; the
 daughters of the nations shall lament therewith:
 for Egypt, and for all her multitude, shall they
 lament therewith, saith the Lord GOD.
- 17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year,
 in the fifteenth *day* of the month, that the
 word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt,
 and cast them down, even her, and the daugh-
 ters of the famous nations, unto the nether
 parts of the earth, with them that go down
 19 into the pit. Whom dost thou pass in beauty?
 go down, and be thou laid with the uncir-
 20 cumcised. They shall fall in the midst of them
 that are slain by the sword: ⁴she is delivered
 to the sword: draw her away and all her
 21 multitudes. The strong among the mighty
 shall speak to him out of the midst of ⁵hell
 with them that help him: they are gone down,
 they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by
 22 the sword. Asshur is there and all her com-
 pany; his graves are round about him: all
 23 of them slain, fallen by the sword: whose
 graves are set in the uttermost parts of the
 pit, and her company is round about her grave:
 all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which
 24 caused terror in the land of the living. There
 is Elam and all her multitude round about her

¹ Or, *great*² Heb. *cause their waters to settle.*³ Heb. *the fulness thereof.*⁴ Or, *the sword is appointed*⁵ Heb. *Sheol.*

grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. They have set her a bed in the midst ²⁵ of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain. There is Meshech, Tubal, ²⁶ and all her multitude; her graves are round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. ¹And they shall ²⁷ not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to ²hell with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are upon their bones; for *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. But thou shalt be broken in the midst of the ²⁸ uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain by the sword. There is Edom, her ²⁹ kings and all her princes, which ³in their might are laid with them that are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. There be the ³⁰ princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; ⁴in the terror which they caused by their might they are ashamed; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted ³¹ over all his multitude: ⁵even Pharaoh and all

¹ Or, *And shall they not lie &c.?*

² Heb. *Sheol*.

³ Or, *for all their might*

⁴ Or, *for all the terror*

⁵ Or, *Pharaoh and all his army are slain &c.*

his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord
 32 GOD. For I have put ¹his terror in the land of
 the living: and he shall be laid in the midst
 of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain
 by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multi-
 tude, saith the Lord GOD.

¹ Another
 reading is,
my.

33 ¹ And the word of the LORD came unto me,
² saying, Son of man, speak to the children of
 thy people, and say unto them, When I bring
 the sword upon a land, if the people of the land
 take a man from among them, and set him for
 3 their watchman: if, when he seeth the sword
 come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and
 4 warn the people; then whosoever heareth the
 sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning,
 if the sword come, and take him away, his blood
 5 shall be upon his own head. He heard the
 sound of the trumpet, and took not warning;
 his blood shall be upon him: whereas if he had
 taken warning he should have delivered his
 6 soul. But if the watchman see the sword come,
 and blow not the trumpet, and the people be
 not warned, and the sword come, and take
 any person from among them; he is taken
 away ²in his iniquity, but his blood will I re-
 7 quire at the watchman's hand. So thou, son
 of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the
 house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my
 8 mouth, and give them warning from me. When
 I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou
 shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to
 warn the wicked from his way; that wicked
 man shall die ²in his iniquity, but his blood
 9 will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless,
 if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn
 from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die
²in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

² Or, *for*

¹ Or, *Truly*
our trans-
gressions &c.

² Or, *for*

³ Or, *for it*

⁴ Heb. *judge-*
ment and
righteousness.

⁵ Or, *for*
them

And thou, son of man, say unto the house ¹⁰
of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying, ¹Our trans-
gressions and our sins are upon us, and we
pine away ²in them; how then should we live?
Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ¹¹
I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked;
but that the wicked turn from his way and live:
turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why
will ye die, O house of Israel? And thou, son ¹²
of man, say unto the children of thy people,
The righteousness of the righteous shall not
deliver him in the day of his transgression; and
as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall
not fall thereby in the day that he turneth
from his wickedness: neither shall he that is
righteous be able to live thereby in the day that
he sinneth. When I say to the righteous, that ¹³
he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteous-
ness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous
deeds shall be remembered; but ²in his iniquity
that he hath committed, ³therein shall he die.
Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt ¹⁴
surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do
⁴that which is lawful and right; if the wicked ¹⁵
restore the pledge, give again that he had taken
by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, commit-
ting no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall
not die. None of his sins that he hath com- ¹⁶
mitted shall be remembered against him: he
hath done that which is lawful and right; he
shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people ¹⁷
say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as
for them, their way is not equal. When the ¹⁸
righteous turneth from his righteousness, and
committeth iniquity, he shall even die ⁵therein.
And when the wicked turneth from his wicked- ¹⁹
ness, and doeth that which is lawful and right,
he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, The way of ²⁰

the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

- 21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The
22 city is smitten. ¹Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more
23 dumb. And the word of the LORD came unto
24 me, saying, Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for in-
25 heritance. Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed
26 blood: and shall ye possess the land? Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife:
27 and shall ye possess the land? Thus shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the strong holds and
28 in the caves shall die of the pestilence. And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment, and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be
29 desolate, that none shall pass through. Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations
30 which they have committed. And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people talk of

¹ See ch. xxiv.
26, 27.

thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people ³¹ cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their gain. And, lo, ³² thou art unto them as ¹a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh ³³ to pass, (behold, it cometh,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

¹ Or, a love
song

And the word of the LORD came unto me, **1 34** saying, Son of man, prophesy against the ² shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, and ye ³ clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; but ye feed not the sheep. The diseased have ⁴ ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigour have ye ruled over them. And ⁵ they were scattered, because there was no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. My sheep ⁶ wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek *after them*. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the ⁷

- 8 LORD: As I live, saith the Lord God, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became meat to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep;
- 9 therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the
- 10 LORD; Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they
- 11 may not be meat for them. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I myself, even I, will search
- 12 for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been
- 13 scattered in ¹the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the water-courses, and in all the inhabited places of the
- 14 country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold, and on fat pasture shall they feed
- 15 upon the mountains of Israel. I myself will feed my sheep, and I will cause them to lie
- 16 down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and will bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: and the fat and the strong I will destroy;
- 17 I will feed them in judgement. And as for you,

¹ Heb. *the day of clouds and thick darkness.*

O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, as well the rams as the he-goats. Seemeth it a small thing 18 unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? And as for my sheep, they eat that which 19 ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto 20 them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and the lean cattle. Because ye 21 thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; therefore will I save 22 my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and 23 he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my 24 servant David prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it. And I will make with them a 25 covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places 26 round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of 27 the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that ¹served themselves of them. And 28 they shall no more be a prey to the heathen,

¹ Or, *made bondmen*

neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall
 29 make them afraid. And I will raise up unto them a ¹plantation for renown, and they shall be no more ²consumed with famine in the land, neither
 30 bear the shame of the heathen any more. And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel,
 31 are my people, saith the Lord God. And ye my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

35 ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto
² me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against
³ mount Seir, and prophesy against it, and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee a desolation and an astonishment.
⁴ I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am the
⁵ LORD. Because thou hast had a perpetual enmity, and hast given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the ³iniquity of
⁶ the end: therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated
⁷ blood, therefore blood shall pursue thee. Thus will I make mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that
⁸ passeth through and him that returneth. And I will fill his mountains with his slain: in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy water-courses shall they fall that are slain with the
⁹ sword. I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not ⁴be inhabited: and ye
 10 shall know that I am the LORD. Because thou

¹ Or, plant² Heb. taken away.³ Or, punishment⁴ Another reading is, return.

hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; ¹whereas the LORD was there: therefore, as I ¹¹ live, saith the Lord GOD, I will do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast shewed out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, ²when I shall judge thee. And thou ¹² shalt know ³that I the LORD have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, ⁴They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour. And ye ¹³ have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it. Thus saith the Lord GOD: ¹⁴ When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. As thou didst rejoice over the in- ¹⁵ heritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹ Or, *though*

² Or, *according as*

³ Or, *that I am the LORD, I have heard &c.*

⁴ Or, *It is*

And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the ¹ **36** mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith ² the Lord GOD: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places are ours in possession: therefore prophesy, and ³ say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people: therefore, ye ⁴ mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to

the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations
5 that are round about: therefore thus saith the Lord God: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, which have appointed my land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite
6 of soul, to cast it out for a prey: therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne
7 the shame of the heathen: therefore thus saith the Lord God: I have lifted up mine hand, *saying*, Surely the heathen that are round
8 about you, they shall bear their shame. But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people
9 Israel; for they are at hand to come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you,
10 and ye shall be tilled and sown: and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited,
11 and the waste places shall be builded: and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and be fruitful: and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of child-
13 ren. Thus saith the Lord God: Because they say unto you, Thou *land* art a devourer of men,
14 and hast been a bereaver of thy ¹nation; there-

¹ Another reading is, *nations*.

¹ Another reading is, *cause to stumble.*

² Another reading is, *nations.*

³ Or, *proclaim against thee*

fore thou shalt devour men no more, neither ¹bereave thy ²nation any more, saith the Lord GOD; neither will I ³let thee hear any more the ¹⁵shame of the heathen, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy ²nation to stumble any more, saith the Lord GOD.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto ¹⁶me, saying, Son of man, when the house of ¹⁷Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her separation. Wherefore I poured out my ¹⁸fury upon them for the blood which they had poured out upon the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols: and I scattered them ¹⁹among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they came unto the nations, whither ²⁰they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. But I had pity for mine holy name, which the ²¹house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went. Therefore say unto the ²²house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: ⁴I do not *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which hath ²³been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before ⁵their eyes. For I will take you ²⁴from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your

⁴ Or, *I work not for &c.*

⁵ Or, according to another reading, *your*

25 own land. And I will sprinkle clean water
 upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your
 filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse
 26 you. A new heart also will I give you, and a
 new spirit will I put within you: and I will
 take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and
 27 I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will
 put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk
 in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judge-
 28 ments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the
 land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall
 29 be my people, and I will be your God. And I
 will save you from all your uncleannesses: and
 I will call for the corn, and will multiply it, and
 30 lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply
 the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the
 field, that ye shall receive no more the reproach
 31 of famine among the nations. Then shall ye
 remember your evil ways, and your doings that
 were not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves
 in your own sight for your iniquities and for
 32 your abominations. Not for your sake ¹do I ^{Or, do I}
this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: ^{work}
 be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O
 33 house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord GOD: In
 the day that I cleanse you from all your iniqui-
 ties, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and
 34 the waste places shall be builded. And the
 land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it
 was a desolation in the sight of all that passed
 35 by. And they shall say, This land that was
 desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and
 the waste and desolate and ruined cities are
 36 fenced and inhabited. Then the nations that
 are left round about you shall know that I the
 LORD have builded the ruined places, and planted
 that which was desolate: I the LORD have
 spoken it, and I will do it.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: For this moreover ³⁷ will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. As the ¹flock for sacrifice, as the ³⁸flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹ Heb. *flock of holy things.*

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he ¹ **37** carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones; and he caused me to pass by ² them round about: and behold, there were very many ²in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, ³ can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, ⁴ Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones: ⁵ Behold, I will cause ³breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. And I will lay sinews upon ⁶ you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: ⁷ and as I prophesied, there was a ⁴noise, and behold an earthquake, and ⁸ the bones came together, bone to his bone. And I beheld, and ⁸ lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he ⁹ unto me, Prophesy unto the ⁵wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the ⁵wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O ⁶breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded ¹⁰ me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding

² Heb. *upon the face of the valley.*

³ Or, *spirit*

⁴ Or, *thundering*

⁵ Or, *breath*

⁶ Or, *wind*
Or, *spirit*

- 11 great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and
 12 our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. Therefore prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the
 13 land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves,
 14 O my people. And I will put my ¹spirit in you, ¹ Or, *breath* and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.
- 15 The word of the LORD came again unto me,
 16 saying, And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and ²for all the house of ² Or, *of*
 17 Israel his companions: and join them for thee one to another into one stick, that they may
 18 become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? say unto them, Thus saith the
 19 Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them ³with it, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one
 20 in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. ³ Or, *together with him unto (or to be) the stick of Judah*
- 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them

into their own land : and I will make them one ²² nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel ; and one king shall be king to them all : and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all : neither shall they defile themselves any ²³ more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions : but I will save them ¹ out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them : so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And my servant David ²⁴ shall be king over them ; and they all shall have one shepherd : they shall also walk in my judgements, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that ²⁵ I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt ; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, for ever : and David my servant shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make ²⁶ a covenant of peace with them : it shall be an everlasting covenant with them : and I will ² place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be ³ with them ; and I ²⁷ will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the nations shall know that ⁴ I am the ²⁸ LORD that sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

¹ Or, according to some ancient versions, from all their backslidings

² Or, give it them

³ Or, over

⁴ Or, I the LORD do sanctify Israel

And the word of the LORD came unto me, ¹ **38** saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, ² of the land of Magog, the ⁵ prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God : Be- ³ hold, I am against thee, O Gog, ⁵ prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal : and I will turn ⁴

⁵ Or, chief prince of Meshech

- thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armour, a great company with buckler and shield, all of
 5 them handling swords: Persia, Cush, and Put with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
 6 Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all
 7 his hordes: even many peoples with thee. Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee,
 8 and be thou a ¹guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is ²brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste: but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall
 9 dwell securely, all of them. And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all
 10 thy hordes, and many peoples with thee. Thus saith the Lord GOD: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind,
 11 and thou shalt devise an evil device: and thou shalt say, I will go up to ³the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at quiet, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without
 12 walls, and having neither bars nor gates: to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thine hand against the waste places that are *now* inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the ⁴middle of
 13 the earth. Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy com-

¹ Or, commander² Or, restored³ Or, an open country⁴ Heb. *naveh*.
See Judg. ix. 37.

pany to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto ¹⁴ Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from ¹⁵ thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against ¹⁶ my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know thee, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes. Thus saith the ¹⁷ Lord GOD: Art thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days for *many* years that I would bring thee against them? And it ¹⁸ shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up into my nostrils. For in my jealousy and in the fire of ¹⁹ my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the ²⁰ fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against ²¹ him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with ²² pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon

him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

- 39 ¹ And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, ¹ prince of Rosh, ¹ Or, chief prince of Meshech, and Tubal: and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell securely in the ² isles: and they shall know that I am the ² Or, coastlands LORD. And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years: so that they shall take no wood

out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests ; for they shall make fires of the weapons : and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I ¹¹ will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through ¹on the east of the sea : and it shall stop them that pass through : and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude : and they shall call it The valley of ²Hamon-gog. And seven months shall the ¹² house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of ¹³ the land shall bury them ; and it shall be to them a renown, in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God. And they shall sever ¹⁴ out men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land to bury ³them ⁴that pass through, that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it : after the end of seven months shall they search. And they that pass through ¹⁵ the land shall pass through ; and when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he ⁵set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. And ⁶Hamonah shall ¹⁶ also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

¹ Or, *in front of*

² That is, *the multitude of Gog.*

³ Or, *with them that pass through those that remain &c.*

⁴ Some ancient versions omit the word rendered *that pass through.*

⁵ Heb. *build.*

⁶ That is, *Multitude.*

And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord ¹⁷ GOD : Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come ; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. Ye shall ¹⁸ eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, ¹⁹

- and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. And ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God. And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgement that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day and forward.
- And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I unto them; and I hid my face from them.
- Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. And they shall bear their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make them afraid; when I have brought them again from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, ¹ in the beginning of the year, in the tenth **40**
day of the month, in the fourteenth year after
 that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day,
 the hand of the LORD was upon me, and he
 brought me thither. In the visions of God ²
 brought he me into the land of Israel, and set
 me down upon a very high mountain, whereon
 was as it were the frame of a city on the south.
 And he brought me thither, and behold, there ³
 was a man, whose appearance was like the
 appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his
 hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in
 the gate. And the man said unto me, Son of ⁴
 man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with
 thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I
 shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might
 shew them unto thee art thou brought hither:
 declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

And behold, a wall on the outside of the ⁵
 house round about, and in the man's hand a
 measuring reed of six cubits long, of a cubit
 and an handbreadth each: so he measured the
 thickness of the building, one reed; and the
 height, one reed. Then came he unto the gate ⁶
 which looketh toward the east, and went up the
 steps thereof; and he measured the threshold
 of the gate, one reed broad: ¹and the other
 threshold, one reed broad. And every ²lodge ⁷
 was one reed long, and one reed broad; and
the space between the lodges was five cubits;
 and the threshold of the gate by the porch of
 the gate toward the house was one reed. ³He ⁸
 measured also the porch of the gate toward the
 house, one reed. Then measured he the porch ⁹
 of the gate, eight cubits; and the ⁴posts thereof,
 two cubits; and the porch of the gate was to-
 ward the house. And the lodges of the gate ¹⁰

¹ Or, *even one threshold*

² Or, *guard chamber*

³ This verse is omitted in several ancient versions and Hebrew MSS.

⁴ Or, *jamb* and so throughout this chapter, and in ch. xli. 1, 3.

- eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure; and the posts had one measure on this side and
- 11 on that side. And he measured the breadth of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the
- 12 length of the gate, thirteen cubits; and a border before the lodges, one cubit *on this side*, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the lodges, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that
- 13 side. And he measured the gate from the roof of the one lodge to the roof of the other, a breadth of five and twenty cubits; door against
- 14 door. He made also posts, threescore cubits; and the court *reached* unto the post, the gate
- 15 *being* round about. And *from* the forefront of the gate at the entrance unto the forefront of the ¹inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits.
- 16 And there were closed windows to the lodges, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the ²arches: and windows were round about inward: and upon *each* post were palm trees.
- 17 Then brought he me into the outer court, and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about: thirty chambers were upon the pavement. And the pavement was by the ³side of the gates, answerable unto the length of the gates, even the lower
- 19 pavement. Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, an hundred
- 20 cubits, *both* on the east and on the north. And the gate of the outer court whose prospect is toward the north, he measured the length there-
- 21 of and the breadth thereof. And the lodges thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate:

¹ Or, *porch of the inner gate*

² Or, *colonnade*
The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain.

³ Heb. *shoulder*.

the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. And the wind- 22
ows thereof, and the arches thereof, and the palm trees thereof, were after the measure of the gate whose prospect is toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. And 23
there was a gate to the inner court over against the *other* gate, *both* on the north and on the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits. And he led me toward the 24
south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. And 25
there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. And there were seven steps to 26
go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. And there was a gate to the inner court toward 27
the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

Then he brought me to the inner court by 28
the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; and the 29
lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. And there 30
were arches round about, five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. And the arches 31
thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it had eight steps. And he brought 32
me into the inner court toward the east: and he

- measured the gate according to these measures;
 33 and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof,
 and the arches thereof, according to these
 measures: and there were windows therein and
 in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty
 cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.
 34 And the arches thereof were toward the outer
 court; and palm trees were upon the posts
 thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the
 35 going up to it had eight steps. And he brought
 me to the north gate: and he measured *it*
 36 according to these measures; the lodges there-
 of, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof;
 and there were windows therein round about:
 the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five
 37 and twenty cubits. And the posts thereof were
 toward the outer court; and palm trees were
 upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that
 side: and the going up to it had eight steps.
 38 And a chamber with the door thereof was by
 the posts at the gates; there they washed the
 39 burnt offering. And ¹in the porch of the gate ¹Or, *by*
 were two tables on this side, and two tables on
 that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and
 40 the sin offering and the guilt offering. And on
 the *one* side without, ²as one goeth up to the ²Or, *at the*
 entry of the gate toward the north, were two *stairs of the*
 tables; and on the other side, which belonged *entry*
 to the porch of the gate, were two tables.
 41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables
 on that side, by the side of the gate; eight
 42 tables, whereupon they slew *the sacrifices*. And
 there were four tables for the burnt offering, of
 hewn stone, a cubit and an half long, and a cubit
 and an half broad, and one cubit high: where-
 upon they laid the instruments wherewith they ³According to
 43 slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice. And *some ancient*
 the ³hooks, an handbreadth long, were fastened *ledges*.

¹ Or, *in the building*

² The Sept. has, *And he led me into the inner court, and, behold, two chambers in the inner court, one at the side of the gate that looketh toward the north, having its prospect toward the south, and one at the side of the gate toward the south, but looking toward the north.*

¹ within round about : and upon the tables was the flesh of the oblation. ² And without the inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate ; and their prospect was toward the south : one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar : these are the sons of Zadok, which from among the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister unto him. And he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare ; and the altar was before the house.

Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side : and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side. The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits ; ³ even by the steps whereby they went up to it : and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the ⁴ tabernacle. And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits ; and the ⁵ sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side : and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. Then went he inward, and measured each post of the

³ The Sept. has, *and by ten steps they went &c.*

⁴ Heb. *tent*. See Ex. xxvi. 22—25.

⁵ Heb. *shoulders*.

entrance, two cubits : and the entrance, six cubits ; and the breadth of the entrance, seven
 4 cubits. And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the ¹temple : and he said unto me, This
 5 is the most holy place. Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits ; and the breadth of every side-chamber, four cubits, round about the
 6 house on every side. And the side-chambers were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order ; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold *therein*, and not have hold in the wall of the house.
 7 And ²the side-chambers were broader as they encompassed *the house* higher and higher ; for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher round about the house : therefore the breadth of the house *continued* upward ; and so one went up *from* the lowest *chamber* to the
 8 highest by the middle *chamber*. I saw also ³that the house had ⁴a raised basement round about : the foundations of the side-chambers
 9 were a full reed ⁵of six great cubits. The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chambers, on the outside, was five cubits : ⁶and that which was left was the place of the side-
 10 chambers that belonged to the house. And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.
 11 And the doors of the side-chambers were toward *the place* that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south : and the breadth of the place that was left was
 12 five cubits round about. And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad ; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round

¹ See 1 Kings vi. 5.

² Or, *there was an enlarging, and a winding upward to the side-chambers : for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house*

³ Or, *that the house was high round about*

⁴ Heb. *height*.

⁵ Or, *of six cubits to the joining*

⁶ The Sept. has, *and that which was left between the side-chambers that belonged to the house and between the chambers was &c.*

about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. So he measured the house, an hundred cubits ¹³ long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the face of the house, ¹⁴ and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

And he measured the length of the building ¹⁵ before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; the thresholds, and the closed windows, ¹⁶ and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the threshold, cieled with wood round about, and *from* the ground up to the windows; now the windows were covered; to *the space* above the door, even unto the inner ¹⁷ house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, ¹by measure. And ¹⁸ it was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; so that there ¹⁹ was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *thus was it* made through all the house round about.

From the ground unto above the door were ²⁰ cherubim and palm trees made: ²thus was the wall of the temple. As for the temple, the ²¹ door posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance *thereof* was ³as the appearance *of the temple*. The altar ²² was of wood, three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and ⁴the corners thereof, and the ⁵length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the LORD. And the ²³

¹ Heb.
measures.

² Another reading is,
And as for the wall of the temple, the door posts were squared.

³ Or, as
the former appearance

⁴ Or, *it had its corners; and &c.*

⁵ The Sept.
has, *base.*

24 temple and the sanctuary had two doors. And
 the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning
 leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two
 25 leaves for the other. And there were made on
 them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and
 palm trees, like as were made upon the walls;
 and there were thick beams of wood ¹upon the
 26 face of the porch without. And there were
 closed windows and palm trees on the one side
 and on the other side, on the sides of the porch:
 thus were the side-chambers of the house, and
 the thick beams.

¹ Or, *before*
the porch

42 ¹ Then he brought me forth into the outer
 court, the way toward the north: and he brought
 me into the chamber that was over against the
 separate place, and which was over against the
 2 building toward the north. Before the length
 of ²an hundred cubits was the north door, and
 3 the breadth was fifty cubits. Over against the
 twenty *cubits* which belonged to the inner court,
 and over against the pavement which belonged
 to the outer court, was gallery against gallery
 4 ³in the third story. And before the chambers
 was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way
 of ⁴one cubit; and their doors were toward the
 5 north. Now the upper chambers were shorter:
 for the galleries took away from these, more
 than from the lower and the middlemost, in the
 6 building. For they were in three stories, and
 they had not pillars as the pillars of the courts:
 therefore *the uppermost* was straitened more
 than the lowest and the middlemost from the
 7 ground. And the ⁵wall that was without by
 the side of the chambers, toward the outer
 court before the chambers, the length thereof
 8 was fifty cubits. For the length of the cham-
 bers that were in the outer court was fifty
 cubits: and, lo, before the temple were an hund-

² See ch. xli.
¹³

³ Or, *in three*
stories

⁴ According to
 some ancient
 versions, *a*
hundred
cubits.

⁵ Or, *fence*

red cubits. And from under these chambers 9
 was the entry on the east side, as one goeth
 into them from the outer court. In the thick- 10
 ness of the ¹wall of the court toward the east,
 before the separate place, and before the build-
 ing, there were chambers. And the way before 11
 them was like the appearance of *the way of* the
 chambers which were toward the north; ²accord-
 ing to their length so was their breadth; and
 all their goings out were both according to their
 fashions, and according to their doors. And 12
 according to the doors of the chambers that
 were toward the south was a door in the head
 of the way, even the way directly before the
¹wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.
 Then said he unto me, The north chambers 13
 and the south chambers, which are before the
 separate place, they be the holy chambers,
 where the priests that are near unto the LORD
 shall eat the most holy things: there shall they
 lay the most holy things, and the meal offering,
 and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for
 the place is holy. When the priests enter in, 14
 then shall they not go out of the holy place into
 the outer court, but there they shall lay their gar-
 ments wherein they minister; for they are holy:
 and they shall put on other garments, and shall
 approach to that which pertaineth to the people.

Now when he had made an end of measur- 15
 ing the inner house, he brought me forth by
 the way of the gate whose prospect is toward
 the east, and measured it round about. He 16
 measured on the east ³side with the measuring
 reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring
 reed round about. He measured on the north 17
³side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring
 reed round about. He measured on the south 18
³side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring

¹ Or, fence

² Or, they were
 as long as they,
 and as broad
 as they

³ Heb. wind.

19 reed. He turned about to the west ¹side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring
 20 ing reed. He measured it ²on the four sides: it had a wall round about, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

¹ Heb. *wind*.

² Heb. *toward the four winds*.

43 1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even
 2 the gate that looketh toward the east: and behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters: and the earth shined
 3 with his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar: and
 4 I fell upon my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the
 5 gate whose prospect is toward the east. And the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD
 6 filled the house. And I heard one speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by
 7 me. And he said unto me, Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever: and the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, and by the carcases of their kings ³*in* their high
 8 places; in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their door post beside my door post, and there was *but* the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.
 9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and

³ Or, according to another reading, *in their death*.

the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

Thou, son of man, shew the house to the ¹⁰ house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the ¹¹ ¹pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof, and write it in their sight: that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. This is the law of the house: upon the ¹² top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

And these are the measures of the altar by ¹³ cubits: (the cubit is a cubit and an handbreadth:) the ²bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about a span: and this shall be the ³base of the altar. And from the bottom ¹⁴ ⁴upon the ground to the lower ⁵settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit. And the ¹⁵ ⁶upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the ⁷altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns. And the altar hearth shall be twelve ¹⁶ *cubits* long by twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof. And the settle shall be fourteen ¹⁷ *cubits* long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and the steps thereof shall look toward the east.

¹ Or, *sum*

² Or, *hollow*
Heb. *bosom*.

³ Heb. *back*.

⁴ Or, *at*

⁵ Or, *ledge*

⁶ Heb. *Harel*.

⁷ Heb. *Ariel*.
See Is. xxix. 1.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith
the Lord GOD: These are the ordinances of the
altar in the day when they shall make it, to
offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle
19 blood thereon. Thou shalt give to the priests
the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which
are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith
the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin offer-
20 ing. And thou shalt take of the blood thereof,
and put it on the four horns of it, and on the
four corners of the settle, and upon the border
round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and
21 make atonement for it. Thou shalt also take
the bullock of the sin offering, and he shall burn
it in the appointed place of the house, without
22 the sanctuary. And on the second day thou
shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin
offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as
23 they did cleanse it with the bullock. When
thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou
shalt offer a young bullock without blemish,
and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
24 And thou shalt bring them near before the
LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them,
and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering
25 unto the LORD. Seven days shalt thou prepare
every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall
also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of
26 the flock, without blemish. Seven days shall
they make atonement for the altar and purify
27 it; so shall they ¹consecrate it. And when
they have accomplished the days, it shall be
that upon the eighth day, and forward, the
priests shall make your burnt offerings upon
the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will
accept you, saith the Lord God.

44 1 Then he brought me back the way of the
outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh to-

¹ Heb. *fill the hands thereof.*
See Ex. xxix.
24.

ward the east; and it was shut. And the LORD ² said unto me, This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. As ³ for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same. Then he brought ⁴ me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face. And the LORD said unto me, ⁵ Son of man, ¹mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and ¹mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. And ⁶ thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, in that ye have brought in aliens, ⁷ uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and ²they have broken my covenant, ³to add unto all your abominations. And ye ⁸ have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. Thus saith the Lord ⁹ God, No alien, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any alien that is among the children of Israel. But the Levites that went ¹⁰ far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray from me after their idols; they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ¹¹

¹ Heb. *set thine heart upon.*

² Most ancient versions have, *ye.*

³ Or, *in all*

- ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand
12 before them to minister unto them. Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and became a stumblingblock of iniquity unto the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God,
13 and they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near unto me, to execute the office of priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, unto the things that are most holy: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.
14 Yet will I make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.
15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord
16 God: they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister
17 unto me, and they shall keep my charge. And it shall be that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the
18 inner court, and ¹within. They shall have linen tires upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with *any thing that causeth*
19 sweat. And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they

¹ Or, in the house

minister, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments, that they sanctify not the people with their garments. Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer ²⁰ their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. Neither shall any priest drink ²¹ wine, when they enter into the inner court. Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, ²² nor her that is put away: but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that is the widow of a priest. And they ²³ shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. And in a controversy they shall stand to judge; ²⁴ according to my judgements shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. And they shall come at no dead ²⁵ person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. And after he is ²⁶ cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. And in the day that he goeth into the ²⁷ sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall have an ²⁸ inheritance; I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. They shall eat the meal offer- ²⁹ ing, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. And the first of all the firstfruits of ³⁰ every thing, and every ¹oblation of every thing, of all your oblations, shall be for the priests: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your ²dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thine

¹ Or, *heave offering*

² Or, *coarse meal*

3¹ house. The priests shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

1 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, ¹an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth shall be ²ten thousand: it shall be holy in all the border

¹ Heb. holiness.

² The Sept. has, twenty.

2 thereof round about. Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred *in length* by five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits for the ³suburbs thereof round

³ Or, open space

3 about. And of this measure shalt thou measure, a length of five and twenty thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the

4 sanctuary, which is most holy. It is an holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, which come near to minister unto the LORD; and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the

5 sanctuary. And five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be unto the Levites, the ministers of the house, for a possession unto themselves, *for* ⁴twenty

⁴ The Sept. has, cities to dwell in.

6 chambers. And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the

7 whole house of Israel. And *whatsoever is* for the prince *shall be* on the one side and on the other side of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward: and in length answerable unto one of the portions, from the west border unto the

8 east border. ⁵In the land it shall be to him for

⁵ Or, as touching

a possession in Israel : and my princes shall no more oppress my people ; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

Thus saith the Lord GOD : Let it suffice you, ⁹
 O princes of Israel : remove violence and spoil, and execute judgement and justice ; take away your ¹exactions from my people, saith the Lord GOD. Ye shall have just balances, and a just ¹⁰
 ephah, and a just bath. The ephah and the ¹¹
 bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer : the measure thereof shall be after the homer. And the ¹²
 shekel shall be twenty gerahs : twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh. This is the oblation that ye shall ¹³
 offer ; the sixth part of an ephah from an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah from an homer of barley : and the set ¹⁴
 portion of oil, of the bath of oil, shall be the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* ten baths, even an homer ; for ten baths are an homer : and one lamb of the flock, out of two ¹⁵
 hundred, from the ²fat pastures of Israel ; for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord GOD. All the people of the ¹⁶
 land ³shall give unto this oblation for the prince in Israel. And it shall be the prince's part to ¹⁷
 give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel : he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

¹ Heb. *expulsions*.

² Heb. *well watered*.

³ Heb. *shall be for*.

18 Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the first *month*,
 in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a
 young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt
 19 cleanse the sanctuary. And the priest shall
 take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it
 upon the door posts of the house, and upon the
 four corners of the ¹settle of the altar, and
 upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

¹ Or, ledge

20 And so thou shalt do ²on the seventh *day* of the
 month for every one that erreth, and for him
 that is simple: so shall ye make atonement for
 21 the house. In the first *month*, in the fourteenth
 day of the month, ye shall have the passover,
 a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall
 22 be eaten. And upon that day shall the prince
 prepare for himself and for all the people of
 23 the land a bullock for a sin offering. And the
 seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt
 offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven
 rams without blemish daily the seven days;
 24 and a he-goat daily for a sin offering. And he
 shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a
 bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of
 25 oil to an ephah. In the seventh *month*, in the
 fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall
 he do the like the seven days; according to the
 sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and
 according to the meal offering, and according to
 the oil.

² The Sept.
 reads, *in the*
seventh month,
on the first
day of the
month.

46 1 Thus saith the Lord GOD: The gate of the
 inner court that looketh toward the east shall be
 shut the six working days; but on the sabbath
 day it shall be opened, and in the day of the
 2 new moon it shall be opened. And the prince
 shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate
 without, and shall stand by the post of the gate,
 and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering
 and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at

the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth: but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. And the people of the land shall 3 worship at the door of that gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons. And the burnt offering that the prince shall 4 offer unto the LORD shall be in the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; and the meal offering shall be an 5 ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah. And in the day of the new moon 6 it shall be a young bullock without blemish; and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: and he shall prepare a meal offering, 7 an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as ¹he is able, and an hin of oil to an ephah. And when the 8 prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof. But when the people of the 9 land shall come before the LORD in the appointed feasts, he that entereth by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth straight before him. And the prince, 10 when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, ²they shall go forth *together*. And in the feasts and in the 11 ³solemnities the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah. And when the prince shall pre- 12 pare a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering unto the

¹ Heb. *his hand shall attain unto*.

² Some ancient authorities have, *he shall go forth*.

³ Or, *appointed feasts*

- LORD, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut
- 13 the gate. And thou shalt prepare a lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering unto the LORD daily: morning by morning
- 14 shalt thou prepare it. And thou shalt prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to ¹moisten the fine flour; a meal offering unto the LORD continually by a per-
- 15 petual ordinance. Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.
- 16 Thus saith the Lord GOD: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their
- 17 possession by inheritance. But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance,
- 18 it shall be for his sons. Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to ²thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.
- 19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which looked toward the north: and behold, there was a place on
- 20 the hinder part westward. And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to

¹ Or, mix
with

² Heb.
oppress.

sanctify the people. Then he brought me forth ²¹ into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. In ²² the four corners of the court there were courts ¹inclosed, forty *cubits* long and thirty broad: these four in the corners were of one measure. And there was a row *of building* round about ²³ in them, round about the four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about. Then said he unto me, These are the boiling ²⁴ houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

¹ Or, *joined on*

And he brought me back unto the door of ¹ the house; and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house was toward the east: and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. Then brought he me out by the way of ² the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of *the gate* that looketh toward the east; and behold, there ²ran out waters on the right side. When the man went forth eastward with the ³ line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. Again he ⁴ measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through *the waters*, waters that were to the loins. Afterward he measured ⁵ a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass through: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said unto me, Son of man, ⁶ hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me,

² Or, *trickled forth*

- and caused me to return to the bank of the
 7 river. Now when I had returned, behold
 upon the bank of the river were very many
 8 trees on the one side and on the other. Then
 said he unto me, These waters issue forth
 toward the eastern region, and shall go down
 into the Arabah: and they shall go toward the
 sea; into the sea *shall the waters go* which were
 made to issue forth; and the waters shall be
 9 healed. And it shall come to pass, that every
 living creature which swarmeth, in every place
 whither the ¹rivers come, shall live; and there
 shall be a very great multitude of fish: for
 these waters are come thither, ²and *the waters*
of the sea shall be healed, and every thing shall
 10 live whithersoever the river cometh. And it
 shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand by
 it: from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim shall be
 a place for the spreading of nets; their fish
 shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the
 11 great sea, exceeding many. But the miry
 places thereof, and the marishes thereof, shall
 not be healed; they shall be ³given up to salt. ³ Or, *given for*
 12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this
 side and on that side, shall grow every tree for
 meat, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall
 the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth ⁴new
 fruit every month, because the waters thereof ⁴ Heb.
 issue out of the sanctuary: and the fruit there- *firstfruits.*
 of shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for
 healing.
- 41 13 Thus saith the Lord GOD: This shall be the
 border, whereby ye shall divide the land for
 inheritance according to the twelve tribes of
 14 Israel: Joseph *shall have* ⁵portions. And ye
 shall inherit it, one as well as another; ⁶con-
 cerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give
 it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall ⁶ Or, *for that*
I lifted up

¹ Heb. *two*
*rivers.*² Or, *that all*
things may be
healed and
*live*³ Or, *given for*
*salt*⁴ Heb.
*firstfruits.*⁵ Some an-
cient versions
have, *two*
*portions.*⁶ Or, *for that*
I lifted up

¹ Or, *the*
midale Hazer

unto you for inheritance. And this shall be the ¹⁵
border of the land: on the north side, from the
great sea, by the way of Hethlon, unto the
entering in of Zedad; Hamath, Berothah, ¹⁶
Sibraim, which is between the border of Da-
mascus and the border of Hamath; ¹Hazer-
hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.
And the border from the sea shall be Hazar- ¹⁷
enan at the border of Damascus, and on the
north northward is the border of Hamath.
This is the north side. And the east side, ¹⁸
between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead,
and the land of Israel, shall be Jordan; from
the *north* border unto the east sea shall ye
measure. This is the east side. And the south ¹⁹
side southward shall be from Tamar as far as
the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the brook *of*
Egypt, unto the great sea. This is the south
side southward. And the west side shall be ²⁰
the great sea, from the *south* border as far as
over against the entering in of Hamath. This
is the west side. So shall ye divide this land ²¹
unto you according to the tribes of Israel.
And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it ²²
by lot for an inheritance unto you and to the
strangers that sojourn among you, which shall
beget children among you; and they shall be
unto you as the homeborn among the children
of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you
among the tribes of Israel. And it shall come ²³
to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourn-
eth, there shall ye give him his inheritance,
saith the Lord GOD.

Now these are the names of the tribes: from ¹ **48**
the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to
the entering in of Hamath, Hazar-enan at the
border of Damascus, northward beside Ha-
math; and they shall have their sides east *and*

- 2 west; Dan, one *portion*. And by the border of
 Dan, from the east side unto the west side;
 3 Asher, one *portion*. And by the border of
 Asher, from the east side even unto the west
 4 side; Naphtali, one *portion*. And by the
 border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the
 5 west side; Manasseh, one *portion*. And by the
 border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the
 6 west side; Ephraim, one *portion*. And by the
 border of Ephraim, from the east side even
 7 unto the west side; Reuben, one *portion*. And
 by the border of Reuben, from the east side
 unto the west side; Judah, one *portion*.
 8 And by the border of Judah, from the east
 side unto the west side, shall be the oblation
 which ye shall offer, five and twenty thousand
reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the
 portions, from the east side unto the west side:
 and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.
 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD
 shall be five and twenty thousand *reeds* in
 10 length, and ten thousand in breadth. And for
 these, even for the priests, shall be the holy
 oblation; toward the north five and twenty
 thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten
 thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten
 thousand in breadth, and toward the south five
 and twenty thousand in length: and the sanc-
 tuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.
 11 ¹ *It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of
 the sons of Zadok, which have kept my charge;
 which went not astray when the children of
 Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.
 12 And it shall be unto them an oblation from the
 oblation of the land, a thing most holy, by the
 13 border of the Levites. And answerable unto
 the border of the priests, the Levites shall have
 five and twenty thousand in length, and ten

¹ Or, *The sanctified portion shall be for the priests of the sons &c.*

¹ The Sept.
has, *twenty*.

thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ¹ten thousand. And they shall not sell of it, neither ¹⁴ exchange it, nor shall the firstfruits of the land be alienated: for it is holy unto the LORD. And the five thousand that are left in the ¹⁵ breadth, in front of the five and twenty thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof. And these shall be the ¹⁶ measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. And the ¹⁷ city shall have suburbs; toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. And the residue in the ¹⁸ length, answerable unto the holy oblation, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be answerable unto the holy oblation; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that labour in the city. And they that labour in the city, out of all the ¹⁹ tribes of Israel, shall till it. All the oblation ²⁰ shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

² See ch. xlv.
7.

² And the residue shall be for the prince, on ²¹ the one side and on the other of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward in front of the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, answerable unto the portions, it

shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and the sanctuary of the house shall be in
22 the midst thereof. Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side; Benjamin, one

24 *portion*. And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side; Simeon, one

25 *portion*. And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side; Issachar, one

26 *portion*. And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side; Zebulun, one

27 *portion*. And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side; Gad, one

28 *portion*. And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of Meribath-

kadesh, to the brook of *Egypt*, unto the great

29 sea. This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, saith the Lord GOD.

30 And these are the goings out of the city; on the north side four thousand and five hundred

31 *reeds* by measure: and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel;

three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi,

32 one: and at the east side four thousand and five hundred *reeds*; and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the

33 gate of Dan, one: and at the south side four thousand and five hundred *reeds* by measure;

and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the

gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one: at the west side four thousand and five ³⁴ hundred *reeds*, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. It shall be eighteen ³⁵ thousand *reeds* round about: and the name of the city from that day shall be, ¹The LORD is there.

¹ Heb.
Yehovah-
shammah.
See Ex.
xvii. 15.

THE
BOOK OF DANIEL.

1 ¹ IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king
of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
² unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord
gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand,
with part of the vessels of the house of God ;
and he carried them into the land of Shinar
to the house of his god : and he brought the
³ vessels into the treasure house of his god. And
the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of
his eunuchs, that he should bring in *certain* of
the children of Israel, even of the seed royal
⁴ and of the nobles ; youths in whom was no
blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all
wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and under-
standing science, and such as had ability to
stand in the king's palace ; and that he should
teach them the learning and the tongue of the
⁵ Chaldeans. And the king appointed for them
a daily portion of the king's ¹meat, and of the ¹Or, *dainties*
wine which he drank, and that they should be
nourished three years ; that at the end thereof
⁶ they might stand before the king. Now among
these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel,
⁷ Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. And the
prince of the eunuchs gave names unto them :
unto Daniel he gave *the name of* Belteshazzar ;
and to Hananiah, *of* Shadrach ; and to Mishael,

of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would 8 not defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now God made Daniel to 9 find favour and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. And the prince of 10 the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the youths which are of your own age? so should ye endanger my head with the king. Then said Daniel to ¹the steward, 11 whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; 12 and let them give us ²pulse to eat, and water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked 13 upon before thee, and the countenance of the youths that eat of the king's meat; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. So he hearkened 14 unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their 15 countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths which did eat of the king's meat. So ¹the steward took 16 away their meat, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse. Now as for these 17 four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. And 18 at the end of the days which the king had ³appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king communed with them; 19 and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore

¹ Heb.
Hammelsar.

² Or, *herbs*

³ Heb. *said.*

- 20 stood they before the king. And in every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and
- 21 enchanters that were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.
- 2 1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake
- 2 from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood
- 3 before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is
- 4 troubled to know the dream. — Then spake the Chaldeans to the king ¹in the Syrian language,
- ²O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the
- 5 dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, ³The thing is gone from me: if ye make not known unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses
- 6 shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream and the interpretation thereof. They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
- 8 The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would ⁴gain time, because
- 9 ye see ⁵the thing is gone from me. But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the

¹ Or, *in Aramaic*² Ch. ii. 4 —vii. 28

is in Aramaic.

³ Or, *The word is gone forth from me*⁴ Aram. *buy the time.*⁵ Or, *the word is gone forth from me: that if &c.*

dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered ¹⁰ before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: forasmuch as no king, ¹lord, nor ruler, hath asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the ¹¹ king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. For this cause the ¹² king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went forth, and the wise men ¹³ were to be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be slain. Then Daniel re- ¹⁴ turned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon; he answered and said to Arioch the king's ¹⁵ captain, Wherefore is the decree so urgent from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. And Daniel went in, and desired of ¹⁶ the king that he would ²appoint him a time, ³and he would shew the king the interpretation.

¹ Or, be he never so great and powerful, hath &c.

² Or, give him time

³ Or, that he might

Then Daniel went to his house, and made ¹⁷ the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: that they would desire ¹⁸ mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto ¹⁹ Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered ²⁰ and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: ²¹ he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge

- 22 to them that know understanding: he revealeth
the deep and secret things: he knoweth what
is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with
23 him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou
God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom
and might, and hast now made known unto me
what we desired of thee: for thou hast made
24 known unto us the king's matter. Therefore
Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had
appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon:
he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not
the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before
the king, and I will shew unto the king the
interpretation.
- 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the
king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have
found a man of the children of the captivity of
Judah, that will make known unto the king the
26 interpretation. The king answered and said
to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art
thou able to make known unto me the dream
which I have seen, and the interpretation there-
27 of? Daniel answered before the king, and said,
The secret which the king hath demanded can
neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor
28 soothsayers, shew unto the king; but there is
a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and he
hath made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar
what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream,
and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are
29 these: as for thee, O king, thy thoughts came
into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come
to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets
hath made known to thee what shall come to
30 pass. But as for me, this secret is not re-
vealed to me for any wisdom that I have more
than any living, but to the intent that the
interpretation may be made known to the king,

and that thou mayest know the thoughts of thy heart. Thou, O king, sawest, and behold ³¹ a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was terrible. As ³² for this image, his head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of ³³ iron, and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a ³⁴ stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. Then was the ³⁵ iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great ¹mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we ³⁶ will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art king of kings, unto ³⁷ whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the ³⁸ beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee to rule over them all: thou art the head of gold. And after thee shall arise another ³⁹ kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be ⁴⁰ strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that crusheth all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. And whereas thou sawest the feet and ⁴¹ toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as

¹ Or, *rock*

- thou sawest the iron mixed with ¹miry clay. ¹ Or, earthenware
- 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly
- 43 strong, and partly ²broken. And whereas thou sawest the iron mixed with ¹miry clay, they shall mingle themselves ³with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as ³ Or, by
- 44 iron doth not mingle with clay. And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall
- 45 stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.
- 46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours
- 47 unto him. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou hast been able to reveal
- 48 this secret. Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of
- 49 Babylon. And Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was 'in the gate of the king.
- 3 1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it ⁴ Or, at the king's court

up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent ² to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the ¹judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the ²sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the satraps, the deputies, and ³ the governors, the ¹judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the ²sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then ⁴ the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at what ⁵ time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, ³dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth ⁶ shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Therefore at that time, ⁷ when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Wherefore at that time certain ⁸ Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. They answered and said to ⁹ Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every ¹⁰ man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image: and whoso falleth not down ¹¹ and worshippeth, shall be cast into the midst

¹ Or, *chief soothsayers*

² Or, *lawyers*

³ Or, *bagpipe*

12 of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain
 Jews whom thou hast appointed over the
 affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach,
 Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king,
 have not regarded thee: they serve not thy
 gods, nor worship the golden image which
 13 thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his*
 rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach,
 Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought
 14 these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar
 answered and said unto them, Is it of purpose,
 O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye
 serve not my god, nor worship the golden image
 15 which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that
 at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet,
 flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer,
 and all kinds of music, ye fall down and
 worship the image which I have made, *well*:
 but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the
 same hour into the midst of a burning fiery
 furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver
 16 you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach,
 and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king,
 O Nebuchadnezzar, ¹we have no need to answer
 17 thee in this matter. ²If it be *so*, our God whom
 we serve is able to deliver us from the burning
 fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of
 18 thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known
 unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy
 gods, nor worship the golden image which thou
 19 hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of
 fury, and the form of his visage was changed
 against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego:
therefore he spake, and commanded that they
 should heat the furnace seven times more
 20 than it was wont to be heated. And he com-
 manded certain mighty men that were in his
 army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

¹ Or, *we are not careful*

² Or, *Behold, our God &c. Or. If our God whom we serve be able to deliver us, he will deliver us from...and out of thine hand, O king*

nego, *and* to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their ²¹ hosen, their ¹ tunics, and their mantles, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because ²² the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. And these three men, Shadrach, ²³ Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then ²⁴ Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He ²⁵ answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods. Then Nebuchadnezzar came ²⁶ near to the ² mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spake and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth out of the midst of the fire. And the satraps, the ²⁷ deputies, and the governors, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them. Nebuchadnezzar ²⁸ spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own

¹ Or, *turbans*

² Aram. *door*.

29 God. Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other god that is able to
30 deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

4 1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the
2 earth; peace be multiplied unto you. It hath seemed good unto me to shew the signs and wonders that the Most High God hath wrought
3 toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

[Ch. iii. 31
in Aram.]

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house,
5 and flourishing in my palace. I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled
6 me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. Then came in the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me
8 the interpretation thereof. But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods:
9 and I told the dream before him, *saying*, O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the

[Ch. iv. 1
in Aram.]

¹ Or,
imaginations

interpretation thereof. Thus were the visions 10
of my head upon my bed: I saw, and behold
a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height
thereof was great. The tree grew, and was 11
strong, and the height thereof reached unto
heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of
all the earth. The leaves thereof were fair, and 12
the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for
all: the beasts of the field had shadow under
it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the
branches thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.
I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, 13
and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came
down from heaven. He cried aloud, and said 14
thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his
branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his
fruit: let the beasts get away from under it,
and the fowls from his branches. Neverthe- 15
less leave the stump of his roots in the earth,
even with a band of iron and brass, in the
tender grass of the field; and let it be wet
with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be
with the beasts in the grass of the earth: let 16
his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's
heart be given unto him; and let seven times
pass over him. The sentence is by the decree 17
of the watchers, and the ¹demand by the word
of the holy ones: to the intent that the living
may know that the Most High ruleth in the
kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever
he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of
men. This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have 18
seen: and thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the
interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise men of
my kingdom are not able to make known unto
me the interpretation; but thou art able, for
the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

¹ Or, *matter*

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, 19

was astonished for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine
20 adversaries. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all
21 the earth; whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven
22 had their habitation: it is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and
23 thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field,
24 till seven times pass over him; this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord
25 the king: that thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee; till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever
26 he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou

shalt have known that the heavens do rule.
 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable ²⁷
 unto thee, and ¹break off thy sins by righteous-
 ness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to
 the poor; if there may be ²a lengthening of
 thy tranquillity. All this came upon the king ²⁸
 Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months ²⁹
 he was walking ³in the royal palace of Babylon.
 The king spake and said, Is not this great ³⁰
 Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwell-
 ing place, by the might of my power and for the
 glory of my majesty? While the word was in ³¹
 the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven,
saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is
 spoken: the kingdom is departed from thee.
 And thou shalt be driven from men, and thy ³²
 dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field;
 thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and
 seven times shall pass over thee; until thou
 know that the Most High ruleth in the king-
 dom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he
 will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled ³³
 upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from
 men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body
 was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair
 was grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails
 like birds' *claws*. And at the end of the days ³⁴
 I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto
 heaven, and mine understanding returned unto
 me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised
 and honoured him that liveth for ever; for his
 dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his
 kingdom from generation to generation: and all ³⁵
 the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as
 nothing: and he doeth according to his will
 in the army of heaven, and among the inhabit-
 ants of the earth: and none can ⁴stay his hand,
 or say unto him, What doest thou? At the ³⁶

¹ Or, *redeem*

² Or, as other-
wise read, *an*
healing of thine
error

³ Aram. *upon*.

⁴ Aram. *strike*.

same time mine understanding returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways judgement: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

5 1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before
2 the thousand. Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives
3 and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank in them.
4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of
5 stone. In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of
6 the hand that wrote. Then the king's ¹countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against
7 another. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spake and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold

¹ Aram.
brightness.

¹ Or, *rule as one of three*

about his neck, and shall ¹be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's ⁸ wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation. Then was king Belshazzar greatly ⁹ troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed. *Now* the ¹⁰ queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in ¹¹ thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him: and the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, ²the king, *I say*, thy father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; foras- ¹² much as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

² Or, *thy father, O king*

Then was Daniel brought in before the king. ¹³ The king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? I have heard of thee, ¹⁴ that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise men, the ¹⁵ enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing. But I have heard of thee, that thou ¹⁶

canst give interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt ¹be the third ^{Or, rule as one of three}

17 ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king.

18 and make known to him the interpretation. O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom, and greatness,

19 and glory, and majesty: and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he

20 put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they

21 took his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven: until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he setteth up

22 over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart,

23 though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose

hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways,
 hast thou not glorified: then was the part of the ²⁴
 hand sent from before him, and this writing
 was inscribed. And this is the writing that ²⁵
 was inscribed, ¹MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.
 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; ²⁶
 God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought
 it to an end. TEKEL; thou art weighed in the ²⁷
 balances, and art found wanting. ²PERES; thy ²⁸
 kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes
 and Persians. Then commanded Belshazzar, ²⁹
 and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put
 a chain of gold about his neck, and made
 proclamation concerning him, that he should
³be the third ruler in the kingdom. In that ³⁰
 night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.
 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, ³¹
 being about threescore and two years old.

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an ¹ **6**
 hundred and twenty satraps, which should be
 throughout the whole kingdom; and over them ²
 three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that
 these satraps might give account unto them, and
 that the king should have no damage. Then ³
 this Daniel was distinguished above the presid-
 ents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit
 was in him; and the king thought to set him
 over the whole realm. Then the presidents and ⁴
 the satraps sought to find occasion against Dani-
 el as touching the kingdom; but they could find
 none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was
 faithful, neither was there any error or fault
 found in him. Then said these men, We shall ⁵
 not find any occasion against this Daniel, except
 we find it against him concerning the law of
 his God. Then these presidents and satraps ⁶
⁴assembled together to the king, and said thus
 unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the ⁷

¹ That is,
*Numbered,
 numbered,
 weighed, and
 divisions.*

² That is,
Divided.

³ Or, *rule as
 one of three*

[Ch. vi. 1 in
 Aram.]

⁴ Or, *came
 tumultuously*
 (and so in vv.
 11, 15)

- presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, have consulted together ¹to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he
- 8 shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which ²altereth
- 9 not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing
- 10 and the interdict. And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house ; (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem ;) and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
- 11 Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before
- 12 his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict ; Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions ? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which
- 13 ²altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a
- 14 day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him : and he laboured till the going
- 15 down of the sun to rescue him. Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law

¹ Or, that the king should establish a statute, and make &c.

² Aram. passeth not away.

of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they ¹⁶ brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and ¹⁷ laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; ¹that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king ¹⁸ went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were ²instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him. Then ¹⁹ the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when ²⁰ he came near unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice: the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said ²¹ Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut ²² the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad, and ²³ commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God. And ²⁴ the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces, or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

¹ Or, *that there might be no change of purpose*

² Or, *dancing girls*

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all the peoples,
 nations, and languages, that dwell in all the
 26 earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a
 decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom
 men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:
 for he is the living God, and stedfast for
 ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be
 destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto
 27 the end: he delivereth and rescueth, and he
 worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in
 earth; who hath delivered Daniel from the power
 28 of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the
 reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the
 Persian.

7 1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon
 Daniel ¹had a dream and visions of his head
 upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and
 2 told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and
 said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold,
 the four winds of the heaven brake forth upon
 3 the great sea. And four great beasts came up
 4 from the sea, diverse one from another. The
 first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I
 beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and
 it was lifted up from the earth, and made to
 stand upon two feet as a man, and a man's
 5 heart was given to it. And behold another
 beast, a second, like to a bear, and ²it was raised
 up on one side, and three ribs were in his mouth
 between his teeth: and they said thus unto it,
 6 Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld,
 and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon
 the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast
 had also four heads; and dominion was given
 7 to it. After this I saw in the night visions,
 and behold a fourth beast, terrible and ³power-
 ful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great
 iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and

¹ Aram. *saw*.

² Or, as other-
 wise read, *it*
raised up one
dominion

³ Or, *dreadful*

stamped the residue with his feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, 8 and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld 9 till thrones were ¹placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, *and* the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and 10 came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgement was set, and the books were opened. I beheld at that time because of the voice of 11 the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and he was given ²to be burned with fire. And as for the rest of the beasts, their 12 dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in 13 the night visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And 14 there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

As for me Daniel, my spirit was grieved in 15 the midst of ³my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of 16 them that stood by, and asked him the truth

¹ Or, cast down

² Aram. *to the burning of fire.*

³ Aram. *the sheath.*

concerning all this. So he told me, and made me
17 know the interpretation of the things. These
great beasts, which are four, are four kings,
18 which shall arise out of the earth. But the
saints of the Most High shall receive the king-
dom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even
19 for ever and ever. Then I desired to know
the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was
diverse from all of them, exceeding terrible,
whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of
brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and
20 stamped the residue with his feet; and con-
cerning the ten horns that were on his head,
and the other *horn* which came up, and before
which three fell; even that horn that had eyes,
and a mouth that spake great things, whose
21 look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld,
and the same horn made war with the saints,
22 and prevailed against them; until the ancient
of days came, and judgement was given ¹to the
saints of the Most High; and the time came
23 that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus
he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth king-
dom upon earth, which shall be diverse from
all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole
earth, and shall ²tread it down, and break it
24 in pieces. And as for the ten horns, out of
this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another
shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse
from the former, and he shall put down three
25 kings. And he shall speak words against the
Most High, and shall wear out the saints of
the Most High: and he shall think to change
the times and the law; and they shall be given
into his hand until a time and times and half
26 a time. But the judgement shall sit, and they
shall take away his dominion, to consume and
27 to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom

¹ Or, *for*² Or, *thresh it*

and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

¹ Aram.
Hitherto.

¹ Here is the end of the matter. As for me ²⁸ Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my ² countenance was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

² Aram.
brightness.

In the third year of the reign of king Bel- ¹ 8 shazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in the vision; now it was ² so, that when I saw, I was in Shushan the ³ palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. Then ³ I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, ⁴ and northward, and southward; and no beasts could stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself. And as I was considering, behold, an he-goat ⁵ came from the west over the face of the whole earth, and ⁴ touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And ⁶ he came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran upon him in the fury of his power. And I saw ⁷ him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him: but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled upon him; and there was none that could deliver the

² Or, *castle*

⁴ Heb. *none touched the ground.*

- 8 ram out of his hand. And the he-goat magnified himself exceedingly: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable *horns* toward the four
 9 winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and to-
 10 ward the glorious *land*. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground,
 11 and trampled upon them. Yea, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the host; and ¹it took away from him the continual *burnt offering*, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.
 12 And ²the host was given over *to it* together with the continual *burnt offering* through transgression; and it cast down truth to the ground,
 13 and it did *its pleasure* and prospered. Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said unto that certain one which spake, How long shall be the vision *concerning* the continual *burnt offering*, and the transgression that maketh desolate, to give both the sanctuary
 14 and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said ³unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings *and* mornings; then shall the sanctuary be ⁴cleansed.
 15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought ⁵to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as
 16 the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand
 17 the vision. So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongeth
 18 to the time of the end. Now as he was speak-

¹ Another reading is, *the continual burnt offering was taken away from him.*

² Or, *an host was given to it against the &c.*
 Or, *an host was set over the &c.*

³ According to the ancient versions, *unto him.*

⁴ Heb. *justified.*

⁵ Heb. *understanding.*

ing with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me ¹upright. And he said, Behold, I ¹⁹ will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation: for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end. The ram which ²⁰ thou sawest that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough ²¹ he-goat is the king of ²Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. And as for that which was broken, in the place ²² whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when ²³ the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall ²⁴ be mighty, but not ³by his own power; and he shall ⁴destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do *his pleasure*: and he shall ⁴destroy the mighty ones and ⁵the holy people. And through his ²⁵ policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in *their* security shall he ⁴destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the ²⁶ vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it belongeth to many days *to come*. And ²⁷ I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I was astonished at the vision, ⁶but none understood it.

In the first year of Darius the son of ¹ **9** Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; in the first year of his reign I Daniel under- ² stood by the books the number of the years,

¹ Or, *where I had stood*

² Heb. *Javan*.

³ Or, *with his power*
See ver. 22.

⁴ Or, *corrupt*

⁵ Heb. *people of the saints*.

⁶ Or, *but there was none to make it understood*

whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years.

- 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, ¹to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and
4 sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made confession, and said,
O Lord, the great and dreadful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that
5 love him and keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even
6 turning aside from thy precepts and from thy judgements: neither have we hearkened unto
thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers,
7 and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they
8 have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have
9 sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses; ²for we have
10 rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the
11 prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even turning aside, that they should not obey thy voice: therefore hath the curse been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for
12 we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against

¹ Or, to seek after prayer &c.

² Or, though

us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As it is written in the ¹³ law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet have we not intreated the favour of the LORD our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and ¹have discernment in thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched over the ¹⁴ evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth, and we have not obeyed his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought ¹⁵ thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy ²right- ¹⁶eousness, let thine anger and thy fury, I pray thee, be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are round about us. Now therefore, O our God, ¹⁷ hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and ¹⁸ hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not ³present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O ¹⁹ Lord, hearken and do; defer not; for thine own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and ²⁰ confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before

¹ Or, *deal wisely*

² Heb. *righteousnesses.*

³ Heb. *cause to fall.*
See Jer. xxxvi. 7.

the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my
 21 God; yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer,
 the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision
 at the beginning, ¹being caused to fly swiftly,
²touched me about the time of the evening ob-
 22 lation. And he ³instructed me, and talked with
 me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth
 23 to make thee skilful of understanding. At the
 beginning of thy supplications the command-
 ment went forth, and I am come to tell thee;
 for thou art ⁴greatly beloved: therefore consider
 24 the matter, and understand the vision. Seventy
 weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon
 thy holy city, ⁵to finish ⁶transgression, and ⁷to
 make an end of sins, and to ⁸make reconciliation
 for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting right-
 eousness, and to seal up vision and ⁹prophecy,
 25 and to anoint ¹⁰the most holy. Know therefore
 and discern, that from the going forth of the
 commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem
 unto ¹¹the anointed one, the prince, shall be
¹²seven weeks: and threescore and two weeks, it
 shall be built again, with street and moat, even
 26 in troublous times. And after the threescore
 and two weeks shall the anointed one be cut
 off, and ¹³shall have nothing: and the people of
 the prince that shall come shall destroy the city
 and the sanctuary; and ¹⁴his end shall be with
 a flood, and even unto the end shall be war;
 27 desolations are determined. And he shall make
 a firm covenant with many for one week: and
¹⁵for the half of the week he shall cause the
 sacrifice and the ¹⁶oblation to cease; and ¹⁷upon
 the wing of abominations *shall come* one that
 maketh desolate; and even unto the consum-
 mation, and that determined, shall *wrath* be
 poured out upon the ¹⁸desolator.

10 1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a

¹ Or, *being sore wearied*

² Or, *came near unto me*

³ Or, *made me to understand*

⁴ Or, *very precious*
 Heb. *precious things*.

⁵ Or, *to restrain*

⁶ Or, *the transgression*

⁷ Another reading is, *to seal up*.

⁸ Or, *purge away*

⁹ Heb. *prophet*.

¹⁰ Or, *a most holy place*

¹¹ Or, *Messiah, the prince*

Or, *an anointed one, a prince*

¹² Or, *seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: it shall be &c.*

¹³ Or, *there shall be none belonging to him*

¹⁴ Or, *the end thereof*

¹⁵ Or, *in the midst of*

¹⁶ Or, *meal offering*

¹⁷ Or, *upon the pinnacle of abominations shall be &c.*

¹⁸ Or, *desolate*

thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name
 was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true,
 even a great warfare: and he understood the
 thing, and had understanding of the vision.
 In those days I Daniel was mourning three ²
 whole weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither ³
 came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did
 I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks
 were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth ⁴
 day of the first month, as I was by the side of
 the great river, which is ¹Hiddekel, I lifted ⁵
 up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man
 clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with
 pure gold of Uphaz: his body also was like ⁶
 the beryl, and his face as the appearance of
 lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his
 arms and his feet like in colour to burnished
 brass, and the voice of his words like the voice
 of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the ⁷
 vision: for the men that were with me saw not
 the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them,
 and they fled to hide themselves. So I was left ⁸
 alone, and saw this great vision, and there re-
 mained no strength in me: for my comeliness
 was turned in me into corruption, and I retained
 no strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words: ⁹
 and when I heard the voice of his words, then
 was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with
 my face toward the ground. And, behold, a ¹⁰
 hand touched me, which ²set me upon my knees
 and upon the palms of my hands. And he said ¹¹
 unto me, O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved,
 understand the words that I speak unto thee,
 and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent:
 and when he had spoken this word unto me, I
 stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear ¹²
 not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou
 didst set thine heart to understand, and to

¹ That is,
Tigris.

² Or, *set me
tottering upon
d.c.*

- humble thyself before thy God, thy words were
 13 heard: and I am come for thy words' sake. But
 the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood
 me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one
 of the chief princes, came to help me: and
 I ¹remained there with the kings of Persia.
 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what
 shall befall thy people in the latter days: for
 15 the vision is yet for *many* days. And when he
 had spoken unto me according to these words,
 I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb.
 16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons
 of men touched my lips: then I opened my
 mouth, and spake and said unto him that stood
 before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision
 my sorrows are turned upon me, and I retain
 17 no strength. For how can the servant of this
 my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me,
 straightway there remained no strength in me,
 18 neither was there breath left in me. Then
 there touched me again one like the appearance
 19 of a man, and he strengthened me. And he said,
 O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto
 thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he
 spake unto me, I was strengthened, and said,
 Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened
 20 me. Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore
 I am come unto thee? and now will I return
 to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I
 go forth, lo, the prince of ²Greece shall come.
 21 But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in
 the writing of truth: and there is none that
³holdeth with me ⁴against these, but Michael
 11 ¹your prince. And as for me, in the first year
 of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and
 strengthen him.
 2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold,
 there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia;

¹ Or, *was not needed*

² Heb. *Javan*.

³ Heb. *strengtheneth himself*.

⁴ Or, *concerning these things*

and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he is waxed strong through his riches, ¹he shall stir up all against the realm of ²Greece. And a mighty king shall stand up, ³that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand ⁴up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside these. And the king of the south ⁵shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. And at ⁶the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make ⁴an agreement: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in those times. But out of a shoot from her roots shall one ⁷stand up in his ⁵place, which shall come ⁶unto the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: and also their gods, ⁸with their ⁷molten images, *and* with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall ⁸refrain some years from the king of the north. And he ⁹shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land. And his sons shall war, and shall assemble ¹⁰a multitude of great forces, ⁹which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through: and ¹⁰they shall return and war, even to his fortress.

¹ Or, *all this shall stir up the realm*

² Heb. *Favian*.

³ Or, *shall be strong; but one of his princes shall be &c.*

⁴ Or, *equitable conditions*

⁵ Or, *office*

⁶ Or, *against*

⁷ Or, *princes*

⁸ Or, *continue more years than &c.*

⁹ Or, *and he*

¹⁰ Or, *he*

- 11 And the king of the south shall be moved with
 choler, and shall come forth and fight with
 him, even with the king of the north: and
 he shall set forth a great multitude, and the
 12 multitude shall be given into his hand. And
 the multitude shall ¹be lifted up, and his heart
 shall be exalted: and he shall cast down tens
 13 of thousands, but he shall not prevail. And
 the king of the north shall return, and shall
 set forth a multitude greater than the former;
 and he shall come on at the end of the times,
even ²of years, with a great army and with ²Or, for
 14 much substance. And in those times there
 shall many stand up against the king of the
 south: also the children of the violent among
 thy people shall lift themselves up to establish
 15 the vision; but they shall fall. So the king
 of the north shall come, and cast up a mount,
 and take ³a well fenced city: and the arms
 of the south shall not withstand, neither his
 chosen people, neither shall there be any strength
 16 to withstand. But he that cometh against him
 shall do according to his own will, and none
 shall stand before him: and he shall stand in
 the glorious land, and in his hand shall be
 17 destruction. And he shall set his face to come
 with the strength of his whole kingdom, ⁴and
⁵upright ones with him; and he shall do *his*
pleasure: and he shall give him the daughter
 of women, ⁶to corrupt her; but ⁷she shall not
 18 stand, neither be for him. After this shall he
 turn his face unto the ⁸isles, and shall take
 many: but a ⁹prince shall cause the reproach
 offered by him to cease; yea, moreover, he
 19 shall cause his reproach to turn upon him. Then
 he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of
 his own land: but he shall stumble and fall,
 20 and shall not be found. Then shall stand up

¹ Or, *be carried away*

² Or, *for*

³ Or, *the fenced cities*

⁴ According to the ancient versions, *and shall make equitable conditions with him: and he shall give &c.*

⁵ Or, *equitable conditions*

⁶ Or, *to destroy it*

⁷ Or, *it*

⁸ Or, *coastlands*

⁹ Or, *captain*

¹ Or, *office*² Heb. *broken*.³ Or, *his covenant*⁴ Or, *dainties*⁵ Heb. *break*.

in his ¹place one that shall cause an exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be ²destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. And in his ¹place shall ²¹stand up a contemptible person, to whom they had not given the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the ²²arms of a flood shall they be swept away from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of ³the covenant. And after the league ²³made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong, with a small people. In time of security shall he come ²⁴even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance: yea, he shall devise his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. And he shall ²⁵stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall war in battle with an exceeding great and mighty army: but he shall not stand, for they shall devise devices against him. Yea, they that eat of his ²⁶⁴meat shall ⁵destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. And ²⁷as for both these kings, their hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. Then shall he ²⁸return into his land with great substance; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *his pleasure*, and return to his own land. At the time appointed he shall return, ²⁹and come into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former. For ³⁰

ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do *his pleasure*: he shall even return, and have regard unto them that forsake the holy

31 covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual *burnt offering*, and they shall set up the abomination

32 that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he ¹pervert by flatteries: but the people that know their God

33 shall be strong, and do *exploits*. And ²they that be wise among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame,

34 by captivity and by spoil, *many* days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall join themselves

35 unto them with flatteries. And some of ³them that be wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for the time

36 appointed. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods: and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined

37 shall be done. Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself

38 above all. But in his ⁴place shall he honour the god of fortresses: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a strange god; ⁵whosoever acknowledgeth *him* he will increase with glory:

¹ Heb. *make profane.*

² Or, *the teachers of the people*

³ Or, *the teachers*

⁴ Or, *office*

⁵ Or, *whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory*
or, *shall increase glory*

and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. And at the 40
time of the end shall the king of the south
¹contend with him: and the king of the north
shall come against him like a whirlwind, with
chariots, and with horsemen, and with many
ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and
shall overflow and pass through. He shall enter 41
also into the glorious land, and many *countries*
shall be overthrown: but these shall be delivered
out of his hand, Edom, and Moab, and the
chief of the children of Ammon. He shall 42
stretch forth his hand also upon the countries:
and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But 43
he shall have power over the treasures of gold
and of silver, and over all the precious things
of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians
shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the 44
east and out of the north shall trouble him:
and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy
and ²utterly to make away many. And he shall 45
plant the tents of his palace ³between the sea
and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall
come to his end, and none shall help him. And 1 12
at that time shall Michael stand up, the great
prince which standeth for the children of thy
people: and there shall be a time of trouble,
such as never was since there was a nation
even to that same time: and at that time thy
people shall be delivered, every one that shall
be found written in the book. And many of 2
them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake, some to everlasting life, and some to
shame and everlasting ⁴contempt. And ⁵they 3
that be wise shall shine as the brightness of
the firmament; and they that turn many to
righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and 4

¹ Heb.
push at.

² Heb. *to*
devote many.

³ Or, *between*
the seas at

⁴ Or,
abhorrence

⁵ Or, *the*
teachers

seal the book, even to the time of the end : many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

- 5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink
6 of the river on that side. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, How long shall it
7 be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things
8 shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not : then said I, O my lord, what shall
9 be the ¹issue of these things? And he said, ¹ Or, *latier end*
10 Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand: but ²they that be wise shall understand. ² Or, *the teachers*
11 And from the time that the continual *burnt offering* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.
12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty
13 days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days.

HOSEA.

THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea **1 1**
the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham,
Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in
the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of
Israel.

¹ Or, *with*

When the LORD spake at the first ¹by Hosea, ²
the LORD said unto Hosea, Go, take unto thee
a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom :
for the land doth commit great whoredom, de-
parting from the LORD. So he went and took ³
Gomer the daughter of Diblaim ; and she con-
ceived, and bare him a son. And the LORD ⁴
said unto him, Call his name Jezreel ; for yet
⁵a little while, and I will ²avenge the blood of
Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause
the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.
And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will ⁵
break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.
And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. ⁶
And *the* LORD said unto him, Call her name
³Lo-ruhamah : for I will no more have mercy
upon the house of Israel, that I should in any
wise pardon them. But I will have mercy upon ⁷
the house of Judah, and will save them by the
LORD their God, and will not save them by bow,
nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by
horsemen. Now when she had weaned Lo- ⁸

² Heb. *visit*.

³ That is,
That hath
not obtained
mercy.

9 ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. And *the LORD* said, Call his name ¹Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be ²your God.

¹ That is, *Not my people.*

² Heb. *for you.*

10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, ³in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living God.

[Ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]

11 And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up from the land: for great shall be the day

³ Or, *instead of that which was said*

2 1 of Jezreel. Say ye unto your brethren, ⁴Ammi; and to your sisters, ⁵Ruhamah.

⁴ That is, *My people.*

⁵ That is, *That hath obtained mercy.*

2 Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: and let her put away her whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; 3 lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and 4 slay her with thirst; yea, upon her children will I have no mercy; for they be children of 5 whoredom. For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my ⁶drink.

⁶ Heb. *drinks.*

6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and I will make a fence against 7 her, that she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for 8 then was it better with me than now. For she did not know that I gave her the corn,

- and the wine, and the oil, and multiplied unto her silver and gold, which they ¹used for Baal. Therefore will I ²take back my corn in the time ⁹ thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. And now ¹⁰ will I discover her ³lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, ¹¹ her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her ⁴solemn assemblies. And I will lay ¹² waste her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my hire that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. And ¹³ I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, ⁵unto which she burned incense; when she decked herself with her ⁶earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will allure her, ¹⁴ and bring her into the wilderness, and speak ⁷comfortably unto her. And I will give her her ¹⁵ vineyards from thence, and the valley of ⁸Achor for a door of hope: and she shall ⁹make answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that ¹⁶ thou shalt call me ¹⁰Ishi; and shalt call me no more ¹¹Baali. For I will take away the names ¹⁷ of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be ¹²mentioned by their name. And in ¹⁸ that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will ¹⁹ betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will
- ¹ Or, *made into the image of Baal*
- ² Or, *return, and take away*
- ³ Or, *shame*
- ⁴ Or, *appointed feasts*
- ⁵ Or, *wherein she burned incense to them*
- ⁶ Or, *nose-rings*
- ⁷ Heb. *to her heart.*
- ⁸ That is, *Troubling.* See Josh. vii. 26.
- ⁹ Or, *sing*
- ¹⁰ That is, *My husband.*
- ¹¹ That is, *My master.*
- ¹² Or, *remembered*

betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgement, and in lovingkindness, and in
 20 mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will answer, saith the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth; and the earth shall answer the corn, and the wine, and
 22 the oil; and they shall answer ¹Jezreel. And I will sow her unto me in the ²earth; and I will have mercy upon ³her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to ⁴them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, *Thou art my God.*

¹ That is, Whom God soweth.

² Or, land

³ Heb. Loruhamah.

⁴ Heb. Lammammi.

See ch. i. 6, 9, 10.

⁵ Or, of her husband, yet an &c.

⁶ Or, them that love

3 1 And the LORD said unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved ⁵of her friend and an adulteress, even as the LORD loveth the children of Israel, though they turn unto other gods, and ⁶love
 2 cakes of raisins. So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and an homer of barley,
 3 and an ⁷half homer of barley: and I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be any man's wife: so will I also be toward thee.
 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without ⁸pillar, and with-
 5 out ephod or teraphim: afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall come with fear unto the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

⁷ Heb. lethech.

⁸ Or, obelisk

4 1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the
 2 land. There is nought but swearing and break-

ing faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, ³ and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, neither ⁴ let any man reprove; for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. And thou shalt ⁵ stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with thee in the night; and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for ⁶ lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, ¹I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children. As they were multiplied, so they ⁷ sinned against me: I will change their glory into shame. They feed on the sin of my people, ⁸ and set their heart on their iniquity. And it ⁹ shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and will reward them their doings. And they shall eat, and not ¹⁰ have enough; they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD. Whoredom and ¹¹ wine and new wine take away the ²understanding. My people ask counsel at their stock, and ¹² their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredom hath caused them to err, and they have gone .a whoring from under their God. They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, ¹³ and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters commit whoredom, and your ³brides commit adultery. I will not punish your daughters when they ¹⁴ commit whoredom, nor your ³brides when they

¹ According to another reading, *I have rejected.*

² Heb. *heart.*

³ Or, *daughters in law*

- commit adultery; for they themselves go apart with whores, and they sacrifice with the ¹harlots: and the people that doth not understand shall
 15 be overthrown. Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah ²offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven,
 16 nor swear, As the LORD liveth. For Israel hath behaved himself stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer: now will the LORD feed them as a lamb
 17 in a large place. Ephraim is joined to idols;
 18 let him alone. ³Their drink is become sour: they commit whoredom continually; ⁴her ⁵rulers dearly love shame. The wind hath wrapped her up in its ⁶wings; and ⁷they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.
- 5 1 Hear this, O ye priests, and hearken, ye house of Israel, and give ear, O house of the king, for ⁸unto you pertaineth the judgement; for ye have been a snare at Mizpah, and a net
 2 spread upon Tabor. And the revolvers are gone deep ⁹in making slaughter; but I am ¹⁰a rebuker of them all. I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou hast committed whoredom, Israel is de-
 4 filed. ¹¹Their doings will not suffer them to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredom is ¹²within them, and they know not the LORD.
 5 And the ¹³pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity; Judah also shall stumble with
 6 them. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him: he hath withdrawn himself from them.
 7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD; for they have ¹⁴borne strange children: now shall ¹⁵the new moon devour them with their ¹⁶fields.
 8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: sound an alarm at Beth-aven; ¹⁷behind

¹ See Deut. xxiii. 17.

² Or, become guilty

³ Or, Their carouse is over

⁴ Or, they are given up to love; her rulers are a shame

⁵ Heb. shields.

⁶ Or, skirts

⁷ Or, as otherwise read, their altars shall be put to shame

⁸ Or, against you is the judgement

⁹ Or, in corruption

¹⁰ Heb. a rebuke.

¹¹ Or, They will not frame their doings

¹² Or, in the midst of

¹³ Or, excellency

¹⁴ Or, begotten

¹⁵ Or, a month

¹⁶ Heb. portions.

¹⁷ Or, After thee, Benjamin! See Judg. v. 14.

thee, O Benjamin. Ephraim shall become a
 desolation in the day of rebuke: among the
 tribes of Israel have I made known that which
 shall surely be. The princes of Judah are like
 them that remove the landmark: I will pour
 out my wrath upon them like water. Ephraim
 is oppressed, he is crushed in judgement; because
 he was content to walk after ¹the command.
²Therefore am I unto Ephraim as a moth, and
 to the house of Judah as rottenness. When
 Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his
 wound, then went Ephraim to Assyria, and sent
 to ³king Jareb: but he is not able to heal you,
 neither shall he cure you of your wound. For
 I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a
 young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I,
 will tear and go away; I will carry off, and
 there shall be none to deliver. I will go and
 return to my place, till they ⁴acknowledge their
 offence, and seek my face: in their affliction
 they will seek me ⁵earnestly.

¹ The Sept.
and Syriac
have, *vanity*.

² Or, *And I
was*

³ Or, *a king
that should
contend*

⁴ Or, *have
borne their
guilt*

⁵ Or, *earnestly,
saying,*

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for
 he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath
 smitten, and he will bind us up. After two
 days will he revive us: on the third day he will
 raise us up, and we shall live before him. And
 let us know, let us follow on to know the LORD;
 his going forth is sure as the morning: and he
 shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain
 that watereth the earth.

O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O
 Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your
 goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the dew
 that goeth early away. Therefore have I hewed
 them by the prophets; I have slain them by
 the words of my mouth: ⁷and thy judgements
 are as the light that goeth forth. For I desire
 mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge

⁶ Or, *kindness*

⁷ According
to some
ancient
versions, *and
my judgement
goeth forth as
the light.*

7 of God more than burnt offerings. But they
 1 like ²Adam have transgressed the covenant:
 there have they dealt treacherously against me.
 8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, it is
 9 stained with blood. ³And as troops of robbers
 wait for a man, so the company of priests murder
 in the way toward Shechem: yea, they have
 10 committed lewdness. In the house of Israel I
 have seen an horrible thing: there whoredom is
 11 *found* in Ephraim, Israel is defiled. Also, O
 Judah, there is an harvest appointed for thee,
 when I bring again the captivity of my people.

¹ Or, are as
 men that have
 transgressed a
 covenant

² Or, men

³ Or, And as
 robbers lying
 in wait, so &c.

7 ¹ When I would heal Israel, then is the iniquity
 of Ephraim discovered, and the wickedness of
 Samaria; for they commit falsehood: and the
 thief entereth in, and the troop of robbers ⁴spoil-
 2 eth without. And they consider not in their
 hearts that I remember all their wickedness:
 now have their own doings beset them about;
 3 they are before my face. They make the king
 glad with their wickedness, and the princes with
 4 their lies. They are all adulterers; they are as
 an oven heated by the baker; he ceaseth to stir
the fire, from the kneading of the dough until
 5 it be leavened. On the day of our king the
 princes ⁵made ⁶themselves sick with the heat of
 wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.
 6 For they have ⁷made ready their heart like an
 oven, whiles they lie in wait: ⁸their baker sleep-
 eth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a
 7 flaming fire. They are all hot as an oven, and
 devour their judges; all their kings are fallen:
 there is none among them that calleth unto me.
 8 Ephraim, he mixeth himself among the peoples;
 9 Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have de-
 voured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea,
 gray hairs are ⁹here and there upon him, and he
 10 knoweth *it* not. And the ¹⁰pride of Israel doth

⁴ Or, maketh
 a raid

⁵ Accord-
 ing to many
 ancient
 versions,
 began to be
 heated with
 wine.

⁶ Or, him

⁷ Heb. brought
 near.

⁸ According
 to some
 ancient
 versions, their
 anger.

⁹ Heb.
 sprinkled.

¹⁰ Or.
 excellency

testify to his face: yet they have not returned unto the LORD their God, nor sought him, for all this. And Ephraim is like a silly dove, ¹¹ without ¹understanding: they call unto Egypt, they go to Assyria. When they shall go, I will ¹² spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven: I will chastise them, ²as their congregation hath heard. Woe ¹³ unto them! for they have wandered from me; destruction unto them! for they have trespassed against me: though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against me. And they ¹⁴ have not cried unto me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds: ³they assemble themselves for corn and wine, they rebel against me. Though I have ⁴taught and strengthened ¹⁵ their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. They return, but not to *him that is* on ¹⁶ high; they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

¹ Heb. heart.

² Or, *when the report cometh to their congregation*

³ According to some ancient authorities, *they cut themselves.*

⁴ Or, *chastened them*

⁵ Or, *The trumpet to thy mouth! As an eagle against the house of the LORD!*

⁶ Or, *they have removed them*

⁵ *Set* the trumpet to thy mouth. As an eagle ¹ **8** *he cometh* against the house of the LORD: because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. They shall cry unto ² me, My God, we Israel know thee. Israel hath ³ cast off that which is good: the enemy shall pursue him. They have set up kings, but not ⁴ by me; ⁶they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. He ⁵ hath cast off thy calf, O Samaria; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? For from Israel is ⁶ even this; the workman made it, and it is no God: yea, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. For they sow the wind, and they shall ⁷

- reap the whirlwind : ¹he hath no standing corn ;
 the blade shall yield no meal ; if so be it yield,
 8 strangers shall swallow it up. Israel is swallowed
 up : now are they among the nations as a vessel
 9 wherein is no pleasure. For they are gone up
 to Assyria, *like* a wild ass alone by himself :
 10 Ephraim hath hired ²lovers. Yea, though they
 hire among the nations, now will I gather them ;
 and they ³begin to be minished by reason of the
 11 burden of the ⁴king of princes. Because Ephraim
 hath multiplied altars to sin, altars have been
 12 unto him to sin. ⁵Though I write for him my
 law in ten thousand *precepts*, they are counted as
 13 a strange thing. As for the sacrifices of mine
 offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it ; but the
 LORD accepteth them not : now will he remem-
 ber their iniquity, and visit their sins ; they shall
 14 return to Egypt. For Israel hath forgotten his
 Maker, and builded ⁶palaces ; and Judah hath
 multiplied fenced cities : but I will send a fire
 upon his cities, and it shall devour the ⁷castles
 thereof.
- 9 1 Rejoice not, O Israel, ⁸for joy, like the peoples ;
⁹for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God,
 2 thou hast loved hire upon every cornfloor. The
 threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed
 3 them, and the new wine shall fail her. They
 shall not dwell in the LORD'S land ; but Ephraim
 shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean
 4 food in Assyria. They shall not pour out wine
offerings to the LORD, ¹⁰neither shall they be
 pleasing unto him : their sacrifices shall be unto
 them as the bread of mourners ; all that eat
 thereof shall be polluted : for their bread shall
 be for their appetite ; it shall not come into the
 5 house of the LORD. What will ye do in the day
 of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast
 6 of the LORD ? For, lo, they are gone away from

¹ Or, *it hath no stalk*

² Heb. *loves*.

³ Or, as other-
 wise read,
*shall sorrow
 a little
 or, for a little
 while*

⁴ See Is. x. 8.
 Many
 ancient
 authorities
 have, *king
 and princes*.

⁵ Or, *I wrote
 for him the
 ten thousand
 things of my
 law, but
 they &c.*

⁶ Or, *temples*

⁷ Or, *palaces*

⁸ Or, *unto*

⁹ Or, *that*

¹⁰ Or, *neither
 shall their
 sacrifices be
 pleasing unto
 him : their
 bread shall be
 unto them &c.*

destruction, *yet* Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them : their pleasant things of silver, nettles shall possess them : thorns shall be in their tents. The days of visitation are 7 come, the days of recompence are come ; Israel shall know it : the prophet is a fool, the man that hath the spirit is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and because the enmity is great. Ephraim ¹*was* a watchman with my God : as for 8 the prophet, a fowler's snare is in all his ways, *and* enmity in the house of his God. They have 9 deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah : he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. I found Israel like grapes in 10 the wilderness ; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig tree at her first season : but they came to Baal-peor, and ²consecrated themselves unto the ³shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved. As for Ephraim, 11 their glory shall fly away like a bird : there shall be no birth, and none with child, and no conception. Though they bring up their children, yet 12 will I bereave them, that there be not a man left : yea, woe also to them when I depart from them ! Ephraim, ⁴like as I have seen Tyre, is 13 planted in a pleasant place : but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer. Give them, 14 O LORD : what wilt thou give ? give them a mis-carrying womb and dry breasts. All their wicked- 15 ness is in Gilgal ; for there I hated them : because of the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house : I will love them no more ; all their princes are revolvers. Ephraim is smitten, 16 their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit : yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay the beloved fruit of their womb. My God will cast them 17 away, because they did not hearken unto him : and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

¹ Or, *watcheth against*

² Or, *separated*

³ Heb. *shame*.

⁴ Or, *as I have seen, is like Tyre, that is planted &c.*

- 10 ¹ Israel is a luxuriant vine, which putteth forth his fruit : according to the multitude of his fruit he hath multiplied his altars ; according to the ¹goodness of his land they have made goodly ²pillars. ³Their heart is ⁴divided ; now shall they be found guilty : he shall smite their altars, ³he shall spoil their ²pillars. Surely now shall they say, We have no king : for we fear not the LORD ; and the king, what can he do for us ?
- ⁴ They speak *vain* words, ⁵swearing falsely in making covenants : therefore judgement ⁶springeth up as ⁷hemlock in the furrows of the field.
- ⁵ The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in terror for the calves of Beth-aven : for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and ⁸the priests thereof that rejoiced over it, for the glory thereof, because it ⁶is departed from it. It also shall be carried unto Assyria for a present to ⁹king Jareb : Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed ⁷of his own counsel. ¹⁰*As for* Samaria, her king ⁸is cut off, as ¹¹foam upon the water. The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed : the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars ; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us ; and to the hills, Fall on ⁹us. O Israel, thou hast sinned ¹²from the days of Gibeah : ¹³there they stood ; ¹⁴that the battle against the children of iniquity should not over- ¹⁰take them in Gibeah. When it is my desire, I will chastise them ; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they are ¹⁵bound ¹⁶to their two transgressions. And Ephraim is an heifer that is taught, that loveth to tread out *the corn* ; but I have passed over upon her fair neck : I will set a rider on Ephraim ; Judah ¹²shall plow, Jacob shall break his clods. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to mercy ; break up your fallow ground : for it is

¹ Or, *prosperity*² Or, *obelisks*³ Or, *He hath divided their heart*⁴ Or, *smooth*⁵ Or, *they swear falsely, they make covenants*⁶ Or, *shall spring up*⁷ Heb. *rosh*.

See Deut. xxix. 18.

⁸ Heb.*Chemarim*.

See 2 Kings xxiii. 5.

⁹ See ch. v. 13.¹⁰ Or, *Samaria is cut off with her king*¹¹ Or, *twigs*¹² Or, *more than in the days*¹³ Or, *there have they continued*¹⁴ Or, *shall not the battle... Gibeah?*¹⁵ Or, *yoked*¹⁶ Or, *for*

¹ Or, *teach you righteousness*

time to seek the LORD, till he come and ¹rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of ²lies: for thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. Therefore ¹⁴shall a tumult arise ³among thy ⁴people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces with her children. ⁵So ¹⁵shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: at daybreak shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.

² Or, *faithlessness*

³ Or, *against*

⁴ Heb. *peoples*.

⁵ Or, *So shall it be done unto you at Beth-el*

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, ¹ **11**

and called my son out of Egypt. As they called ² them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto the Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. Yet I taught Ephraim to go; ⁶I took ³ them on my arms; but they knew not that I healed them. I drew them with cords of a man, ⁴ with bands of love; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat before them. He shall not return into the ⁵ land of Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. And the ⁶

⁶ Heb. *he took them on his arms*.

⁷ Or, *rage against*

sword shall ⁷fall upon his cities, and shall consume his bars, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels. And my people are bent to back- ⁷ sliding from me: though they call them to *him that is* on high, none at all will ⁸exalt *him*. How ⁸ shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my compassions are kindled together. I will not execute the fierce- ⁹ ness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not ⁹enter into the city. They shall walk after the LORD, ¹⁰

⁸ Or, *lift himself up*

⁹ Or, *come in wrath*.

who shall roar like a lion : for he shall roar, and the children shall come trembling from the west.

- 11 They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria : and I will make them to dwell in their houses, saith the LORD.

- 12 Ephraim compasseth me about with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit : ¹but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the

[Ch. xii. 1 in Heb.]

¹ Or, and Judah is yet unstedfast with God, and with the Holy One who is faithful

- 12 1 Holy One. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind : he continually multiplieth lies and desolation ; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into

- 2 Egypt. The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will ²punish Jacob according to his ways ; according to his doings will he recompense

² Heb. visit upon.

- 3 him. In the womb he took his brother by the heel ; and in his ³manhood he ⁴had power with

³ Or, strength

- 4 God : yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed : he wept, and made supplication unto him : he found him at Beth-el, and there he

⁴ Or, strove

- 5 spake with us ; ⁵even the LORD, the God of

⁵ Or, for the LORD is the God of hosts

- 6 hosts ; the LORD is his memorial. Therefore turn thou to thy God : keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

- 7 ⁶He is ⁷a trafficker, the balances of deceit are

⁶ Or, As for Canaan, the &c.

- 8 in his hand : he loveth to ⁸oppress. And Ephraim said, Surely I am become rich, I have found me wealth : in all my labours they shall

⁷ Or, a Canaanite Heb. Canaan.

- 9 find in me none iniquity that were sin. But I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt ; I will yet again make thee to dwell in tents, as

⁸ Or, defraud

- 10 in the days of the solemn feast. I have also spoken unto the prophets, and I have multiplied visions ; and ⁹by the ministry of the prophets

⁹ Heb. by the hand.

- 11 have I used similitudes. Is Gilead iniquity ? they are altogether vanity ; in Gilgal they sacrifice bullocks : yea, their altars ¹⁰are as heaps in the

¹⁰ Or, shall be

furrows of the field. And Jacob fled into the ¹² field of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*. And by a prophet the ¹³ LORD brought Israel up out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he ¹preserved. Ephraim hath pro- ¹⁴ voked to anger most bitterly: therefore shall his blood be left upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

¹ Or, *kept*

² Or, *spake with trembling &c.*

³ Or, *became guilty*

⁴ Or, *the sacrificers of men*

⁵ Or, *knowest*

⁶ Or, *Thou art destroyed, O Israel; for thou &c.*

⁷ Or, *for in me, in thy help—*

Or, but in me is thy help
Some ancient versions have, *who shall help?*

When Ephraim ²spake, there was trembling; ¹ **13** he exalted himself in Israel: but when he ³offended in Baal, he died. And now they sin ² more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let ⁴the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. Therefore ³ they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that passeth early away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. Yet ⁴ I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt; and thou ⁵shalt know no god but me, and beside me there is no saviour. I did know thee in the ⁵ wilderness, in the land of great drought. Ac- ⁶ cording to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore have they forgotten me. Therefore ⁷ am I unto them as a lion: as a leopard will I watch by the way: I will meet them as a bear ⁸ that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart: and there will I devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them. ⁶ It ⁹ is thy destruction, O Israel, ⁷that *thou art* against me, against thy help. Where now is thy king, ¹⁰ that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? I have given thee a king in mine ¹¹ anger, and have taken him away in my wrath.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up ; his sin is
 13 laid up in store. The sorrows of a travailing
 woman shall come upon him : he is an unwise
 son ; ¹for it is time he should not tarry in the
 14 place of the breaking forth of children. I will
 ransom them from the ²power of ³the grave ; I
 will redeem them from death : O death, ⁴where
 are thy plagues ? O ³grave, ⁴where is thy de-
 struction ? repentance shall be hid from mine
 15 eyes. Though he be fruitful among his brethren,
 an east wind shall come, the ⁵breath of the LORD
 coming up from the wilderness, and his spring
 shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried
 up : ⁶he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant
 16 vessels. Samaria shall ⁷bear her guilt ; for she
 hath rebelled against her God : they shall fall
 by the sword ; their infants shall be dashed in
 pieces, and their women with child shall be
 ripped up.

¹ Or, *when it is time, he standeth not in &c.*

² Heb. *hand.*

³ Heb. *Sheol.*

⁴ Or, *I will be*

⁵ Or, *wind*

⁶ Or, *it*

[Ch. xiv. 1 in Heb.]

⁷ Or, *become desolate*

14 ¹ O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God ;
² for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take
 with you words, and return unto the LORD : say
 unto him, Take away all iniquity, and ⁸accept
 that which is good : so will we render ⁹as
 3 bullocks *the offering of* our lips. Asshur shall
 not save us ; we will not ride upon horses :
 neither will we say any more to the work of
 our hands, *Ye are* our gods : for in thee the
 4 fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their
 backsliding, I will love them freely : for mine
 5 anger is turned away from him. I will be as
 the dew unto Israel : he shall blossom as the
 lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty
 shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as
 7 Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow
 shall return ; they shall revive *as* the corn, and
 blossom as the vine : ¹⁰the scent thereof shall be

⁸ Or, *receive us graciously*

⁹ The Sept. and Syriac have, *the fruit of our lips.*

¹⁰ Or, *his memorial*

¹ Or, *O*
Ephraim,
what &c.

as the wine of Lebanon. ¹Ephraim *shall say*, ⁸
What have I to do any more with idols? I
have answered, and will regard him : I am like
a green fir tree ; from me is thy fruit found.
Who is wise, and he shall understand these ⁹
things ? prudent, and he shall know them ? for
the ways of the LORD are right, and the just
shall walk in them ; but transgressors shall fall
therein.

JOEL.

1 ¹ THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in
3 your days, or in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another

4 generation. That which ¹the palmerworm hath left hath ¹the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath ¹the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath

¹ Probably, different kinds of locusts, or locusts in different stages of growth.

5 left hath ¹the caterpillar eaten. Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is

6 cut off from your mouth. For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and

7 he hath the jaw teeth of a great lion. He hath laid my vine waste, and ²barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it ³away;

² Or, *broken*

³ Or, *down*

8 the branches thereof are made white. Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the
9 husband of her youth. The meal offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of

the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers,
10 mourn. The field is wasted, the land mourneth;

for the corn is wasted, the new wine is ⁴dried ⁴Or, *ashamed*

¹ Or, *The husbandmen are ashamed, the vinedressers howl*

² Or, *ashamed*

up, the oil languisheth. ¹Be ashamed, O ye ¹¹ husbandmen, howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is ²withered, ¹² and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field are withered: for joy is ²withered away from the sons of men.

Gird yourselves *with sackcloth*, and lament, ye ¹³ priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meal offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, ¹⁴ gather the ³old men *and* all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD. Alas for the day! ¹⁵ for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as destruction from ⁴the Almighty shall it come.

⁴ Heb. *Shaddai*.

Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, ¹⁶ joy and gladness from the house of our God?

⁵ Or, *shrivel*

The seeds ⁵rot under their clods; the garners ¹⁷ are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is ²withered. How do the beasts ¹⁸ groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; *yea*, the flocks of sheep ⁶are made desolate. O LORD, to thee ¹⁹ do I cry: for the fire hath devoured the ⁷pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. *Yea*, the ²⁰ beasts of the field pant unto thee: for the water brooks are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the ⁷pastures of the wilderness.

⁶ Or, *suffer punishment*

⁷ Or, *folds*

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound ¹ **2** an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a ² day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds

and thick darkness, as the dawn spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong, there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after them, even to the years of
 3 many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and
 4 none hath escaped them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as
 5 ¹horsemen, so do they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set
 6 in battle array. At their presence the peoples are in anguish: all faces are waxed pale.
 7 They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and they break not their
 8 ranks. Neither doth one thrust another; they march every one in his path: and ²they burst through the weapons, and ³break not off *their*
 9 *course*. They leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up into the houses; they enter in at the windows like a thief.
 10 The earth quaketh before them; the heavens tremble: the sun and the moon are darkened,
 11 and the stars withdraw their shining: and the LORD uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?
 12 Yet even now, saith the LORD, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and
 13 with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and plenteous

¹ Or, war-horses

² Or, when they fall around the weapons, they &c.

³ Or, are not wounded

in mercy, and repenteth him of the evil. Who ¹⁴ knoweth whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

¹ Or, *elders*

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, ¹⁵ call a solemn assembly: gather the people, ¹⁶ sanctify the congregation, assemble the ¹old men, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, ¹⁷ weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the nations should ²rule over them: wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?

² Or, *use a byword against them*

Then was the LORD jealous for his land, ¹⁸ and had pity on his people. And the LORD ¹⁹ answered and said unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations: but ²⁰ I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, ³his forepart ⁴into the eastern sea, and his hinder part ⁴into the western sea; and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; ²¹ for the LORD hath done great things. Be ²² not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children ²³ of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he giveth you the former rain ⁵in just measure, and he causeth to come down for you

³ Or, *with his forepart*

⁴ Or, *toward*

⁵ Or, *in (or for) righteousness*

- the rain, the former rain and the latter rain,
 24 ¹in the first *month*. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with
 25 wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that ²the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm,
 26 my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you : and my people
 27 shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and there is none else : and my people shall never be ashamed.
- 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young
 29 men shall see visions : and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days
 30 will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood,
 31 and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day
 32 of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered : for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as the LORD hath said, and ³among the remnant those whom the LORD doth call.
- 3 ¹ For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of
 2 Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into ⁴the valley of Jehoshaphat ; and I will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations,

¹ Or, at the first² See ch. i. 4.

[Ch. iii. 1 in Heb.]

³ Or, in the remnant whom &c.

[Ch. iv. 1 in Heb.]

⁴ See ver. 12.

¹ Or, *will ye repay a deed of mine, or will ye do aught unto me? swiftly &c.*

² Or, *deed*

and parted my land. And they have cast ³ lots for my people: and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Yea, and what are ye to me, ⁴ O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the regions of Philistia? ¹ will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your ² recompence upon your own head. Forasmuch as ye have taken my silver ⁵ and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things; the children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the sons of the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border: behold, I will stir them up out of the place ⁷ whither ye have sold them, and will return your ² recompence upon your own head; and I will ⁸ sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the men of Sheba, to a nation far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

³ Heb. *sanctify.*

Proclaim ye this among the nations; ³ pre-⁹ pare war: stir up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your ¹⁰ pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. ⁴ Haste ye, and come, all ye nations ¹¹ round about, and gather yourselves together: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the nations bestir themselves, ¹²

⁴ Or, *Assemble yourselves*

⁵ That is, *The LORD judgeth.*

and come up to the valley of ⁵ Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the ⁶ harvest ¹³ is ripe: come, ⁷ tread ye; for the winepress is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley ¹⁴ of decision! for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the ¹⁵

⁶ Or, *vintage*

⁷ Or, *get you down*

- moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw
 16 their shining. And the LORD shall roar from
 Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and
 the heavens and the earth shall shake. but the
 LORD will be a refuge unto his people, and a
 17 strong hold to the children of Israel. So shall
 ye know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling
 in Zion my holy mountain: then shall Jeru-
 salem be holy, and there shall no strangers
 18 pass through her any more. And it shall come
 to pass in that day, that the mountains shall
 drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow
 with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall
 flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth
 of the house of the LORD, and shall water ¹the
 19 valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desola-
 tion, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness,
 for the violence done to the children of Judah,
 because they have shed innocent blood in their
 20 land. But Judah shall ²abide for ever, and
 21 Jerusalem from generation to generation. And
 I will ³cleanse their blood that I have not
 cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

¹ That is, *the valley of acacias.*

² Or, *be inhabited*

³ Or, *hold as innocent*

A M O S.

THE words of Amos, who was among the 1
herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning
Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and
in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king
of Israel, two years before the ¹earthquake.

¹ See Zech.
xiv. 5.

And he said, The LORD shall roar from Zion, 2
and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the
²pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the
top of Carmel shall wither.

² Or,
habitations

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- 3
sions of Damascus, yea, for four, I will not ³turn
away ⁴the punishment thereof; because they
have threshed Gilead with threshing instru-
ments of iron: but I will send a fire into the 4
house of Hazael, and it shall devour the palaces
of Ben-hadad. And I will break the bar of 5
Damascus, and cut off ⁵the inhabitant from the
valley of ⁶Aven, and him that holdeth the
sceptre from ⁷the house of Eden: and the people
of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith
the LORD.

³ Or, *revoke*
my word

⁴ Heb. *it*
(and so in vv.
6, 9, &c.).

⁵ Or, *him that*
sitteth on the
throne (and
so in ver. 8)

⁶ That is,
Vanity. The
Sept. reads,
On.

⁷ Or,
Beth-eden

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- 6
sions of Gaza, yea, for four, I will not turn
away the punishment thereof; because they
carried away captive ⁸the whole people, to de-
liver them up to Edom: but I will send a fire 7
on the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour the

⁸ Heb. *an en-*
tire captivity.

- 8 palaces thereof: and I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon; and I will turn mine hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.
- 9 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyre, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up ¹the whole people to Edom, and remembered not ²the brotherly covenant: but I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
- 10 ¹ Heb. *an entire captivity.*
² Heb. *the covenant of brethren.*
 See 1 Kings v. 1, ix. 11—14.
- 11 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Edom, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and ³did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually,
- 12 and he kept his wrath for ever: but I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.
- 13 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge
- 14 their border: but I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with
- 15 a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: and their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.
- 2 1 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Moab, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned
- 2 the bones of the king of Edom into lime: but I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound
- ³ Heb. *corrupted his compassions.*

of the trumpet: and I will cut off the judge ³ from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- ⁴ sions of Judah, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, and their lies have caused them to err, after the which their fathers did walk: but I will send a fire upon Judah, and it ⁵ shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Thus saith the LORD: For three transgres- ⁶ sions of Israel, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes: that pant after the dust of the ⁷ earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go unto the *same* ¹maid, to profane my holy name: and they lay themselves down beside ⁸ every altar upon clothes ²taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of such as have been fined. Yet destroyed I ⁹ the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. Also I ¹⁰ brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. And I raised up ¹¹ of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. But ye ¹² gave the Nazirites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. Behold, ³I will press *you* in your place, as a ¹³ cart presseth that is full of sheaves. And ⁴flight ¹⁴ shall perish from the swift, and the strong

¹ Or, *young woman*

² See Ex. xxii. 26.

³ Or, *I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves*

⁴ Or, *refuge shall fail the swift*

shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the
 15 mighty deliver ¹himself: neither shall he stand
 that handleth the bow; and he that is swift
 of foot shall not deliver *himself*: neither shall
 16 he that rideth the horse deliver ¹himself: and
 he that is courageous among the mighty shall
 flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

¹ Heb. *his*
soul, or, life.

3 1 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken
 against you, O children of Israel, against the
 whole family which I brought up out of the
 2 land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known
 of all the families of the earth: therefore I
 3 will visit upon you all your iniquities. Shall
 two walk together, except they have ²agreed?
 4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath
 no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den,
 5 if he have taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a
 snare upon the earth, where no gin is *set* for
 him? shall a snare spring up from the ground,
 6 and have taken nothing at all? Shall the trumpet
 be blown in a city, and the people not be
 afraid? shall evil befall a city, and the LORD
 7 hath not done it? Surely the Lord GOD will do
 nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his
 8 servants the prophets. The lion hath roared,
 who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken,
 who can but prophesy?
 9 Publish ye ³in the palaces at Ashdod, and ³in ³the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say,
 Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of
 Samaria, and behold what great tumults are
 therein, and what oppressions in the midst
 10 thereof. For they know not to do right, saith
 the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in
 11 their palaces. Therefore thus saith the Lord
 GOD: An adversary *there shall be*, even round
 about the land: and he shall bring down thy

² Or, *made an*
appointment

³ Or, *upon*

strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. Thus saith the LORD: As the shepherd ¹² rescueth out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be rescued that sit in Samaria in the corner of a couch, and ¹on the silken cushions of a bed.

¹ According to some ancient versions and MSS., in *Damascus on a bed.*

Hear ye, and testify against the house of Jacob, ¹³ saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts. For ¹⁴ in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. And I ¹⁵ will smite ²the winter house with ³the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and ⁴the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

² See Jer. xxxvi. 22.

³ See Judg. iii. 20.

⁴ Or, *many*

Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that ¹ **4** are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say unto their lords, Bring, and let us drink. The ² Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take you away with hooks, and your residue with fish hooks. And ye shall go out at the ³ breaches, every one straight before her; ⁵and ye shall cast *yourselves* into Harmon, saith the LORD.

⁵ The ancient versions vary in their rendering of this clause. The text is probably corrupt.

Come to Beth-el, and transgress; to Gilgal, ⁴ and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days; and ⁶offer a sacrifice of thanks- ⁵ giving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings and publish them: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. And I also have given you clean- ⁶ ness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. And I also ⁷

⁶ Heb. *offer by burning.*

- have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained
- 8 not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me,
- 9 saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees hath the palmerworm devoured: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith
- 10 the LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, ¹and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camp to come up even into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto
- 11 me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown *some* among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned
- 12 unto me, saith the LORD. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O
- 13 Israel. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth; the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name.
- 5 ¹ Hear ye this word which I take up for a
- ² lamentation over you, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she ²is cast down upon her land; there is none
- ³ to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord GOD: ²*Or, lieth forsaken*
- The city that went forth a thousand shall have

an hundred left, and that which went forth an hundred shall have ten left, to the house of Israel. For thus saith the LORD unto the ⁴ house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, ⁵ and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall ¹come to nought. Seek the LORD, and ye ⁶ shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour and there be none to quench it in Beth-el: ye who turn ⁷ judgement to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth; *seek him* that maketh the ⁸ Pleiades and Orion, and turneth ²the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; the LORD is his name; that ³bringeth ⁹ sudden destruction upon the strong, so that destruction cometh upon the fortress. They ¹⁰ hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. Forasmuch ¹¹ therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof. For I ¹² know how manifold are your transgressions and how mighty are your sins; ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate *from their right*. Therefore ¹³ he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and ¹⁴ not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye say. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish ¹⁵ judgement in the gate: it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the

¹ Or, *become*
vanity
(Heb. *Aven*)

² Or, *deep*
darkness

³ Or, *causeth*
destruction to
flash forth

- 16 remnant of Joseph. Therefore thus saith the
 LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing
 shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall
 say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall
 call the husbandman to mourning, ¹and such as
 17 are skilful of lamentation to wailing. And in
 all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass
 through the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
 18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD!
 wherefore would ye have the day of the LORD?
 19 it is darkness, and not light. As if a man
 did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; ²or
 went into the house and leaned his hand on
 20 the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not
 the day of the LORD be darkness, and not
 light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?
 21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I ³will take no
 22 delight in your solemn assemblies. Yea, though
 ye offer me ⁴your burnt offerings and meal
 offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I
 regard the ⁵peace offerings of your fat beasts.
 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy
 songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy
 24 viols. But let judgement roll down as waters,
 25 and righteousness as a ⁶mighty stream. Did ye
 bring unto me sacrifices and ⁷offerings in the
 26 wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? Yea,
 ye ⁸have borne ⁹Siccuth your king and ¹⁰Chiun
 your images, the star of your god, which ye
 27 made to yourselves. Therefore will I cause
 you to go into captivity beyond Damascus,
 saith the LORD, whose name is the God of
 hosts.
- 6** 1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and to
 them that are secure in the mountain of Samaria,
 the notable men of the chief of the nations, to
 2 whom the house of Israel come! Pass ye unto
 Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to

¹ Heb. *and*
 proclaim
 wailing to such
 as are skilful
 of lamentation.

² Or, *and*

³ Heb. *will not*
 smell a savour.

⁴ Or, *burnt*
offerings with
your meal
offerings

⁵ Or, *thank*
offerings

⁶ Or,
everflowing

⁷ Or, *meal*
offerings

⁸ Or, *shall*
take up
...And I
will cause &c.

⁹ Or, *the*
tabernacle of
your king
 Some ancient
 versions have,
the tabernacle
of Moloch.

¹⁰ Or, *the*
shrine of your
images

Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your border? Ye that put far away the evil day, and ³ cause the ¹seat of violence to come near; that ⁴ lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; that sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that ⁵ devise for themselves instruments of music, ²like David; that drink ³wine in bowls, and anoint ⁶ themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Therefore now shall they go captive with the ⁷ first that go captive, and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away. The ⁸ Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD, the God of hosts: I abhor the ⁴excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. And ⁹ it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And when a ¹⁰ man's ⁵uncle shall take him up, even he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is in the innermost parts of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No; then shall he say, Hold thy peace; for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. For, behold, ¹¹ the LORD commandeth, and ⁶the great house shall be smitten with breaches, and the little house with clefts. Shall horses run upon the ¹² rock? will one plow *there* with oxen? that ye have turned judgement into ⁷gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood: ye which re- ¹³ joice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? For, behold, I will raise up against you a ¹⁴

¹ Or, *sitting*

² Or, *like David's*

³ Heb. *in bowls of wine.*

⁴ Or, *pride*

⁵ Or, *kinsman*

⁶ Or, *he will smite the great house*

⁷ See Deut. xxix. 18.

nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the ¹entering in of Hamath unto the brook of the Arabah.

¹ See 2 Kings
xiv. 25.

7 ¹ Thus the Lord GOD shewed me: and, behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the
² latter growth after the king's mowings. And it came to pass that when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: how
³ shall Jacob stand? for he is small. The LORD repented concerning this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

⁴ Thus the Lord GOD shewed me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten
⁵ up the ²land. Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he
⁶ is small. The LORD repented concerning this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

² Heb. *portion*.

⁷ Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood ³beside a wall made by a plumbline, with
⁸ a plumbline in his hand. And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more:
⁹ and the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

³ Or, *upon*

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.
¹¹ For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the

sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, ¹² O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: but prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for ¹³ it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I ¹⁴ ¹was no prophet, neither ¹was I ²a prophet's son; but I ¹was an herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees: and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore ¹⁵ hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy* word against the house of Isaac; therefore thus ¹⁶ saith the LORD: Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou thyself shalt die in a land that is unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.

Thus the Lord God shewed me: and behold, ¹ ⁸ a basket of summer fruit. And he said, Amos, ² what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. And the ³ songs of the ³temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: the dead bodies shall be many; in every place ⁴shall they cast them forth with silence. Hear this, O ye that would swallow ⁴ up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail, saying, When will the new moon be gone, ⁵ that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may ⁵set forth wheat? making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit; that we may buy the poor ⁶ for ⁶silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and

¹ Or, *am*

² Or, *one of the sons of the prophets*
See 1 Kings
xx. 35.

³ Or, *palace*

⁴ Or, *have they cast them forth: be silent!*

⁵ Heb. *open*.

⁶ See ch. ii. 6.

- 7 sell the refuse of the wheat. The LORD hath
 sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will
 8 never forget any of their works. Shall not the
 land tremble for this, and every one mourn that
 dwelleth therein? yea, it shall rise up wholly like
 the River; and it shall be troubled and sink
 9 again, like the River of Egypt. And it shall
 come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD,
 that I will cause the sun to go down at noon,
 and I will darken the earth in the clear day.
 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and
 all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring
 up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon
 every head; and I will make it as the mourning
 for an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter
 11 day. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord
 GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not
 a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of
 12 hearing the words of the LORD. And they shall
 wander from sea to sea, and from the north even
 to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the
 13 word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that
 day shall the fair virgins and the young men
 14 faint for thirst. They that swear by the sin of
 Samaria, and say, As thy God, O Dan, liveth;
 and, As the ¹way of Beer-sheba liveth; even ¹Or, *manner*
 they shall fall, and never rise up again.
 9 I I saw the Lord standing ²beside the altar: and ²Or, *upon*
 he said, Smite the chapiters, that the thresholds
 may shake: and break them in pieces on the
 head of all of them; and I will slay the last of
 them with the sword: ³there shall not one of
 them flee away, and there shall not one of them
 2 escape. Though they dig into ⁴hell, thence shall ³Or, *he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered*
 mine hand take them; and though they climb
 up to heaven, thence will I bring them down.
 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of
 Carmel, I will search and take them out thence;

⁴ Heb. *Sheol*.

and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. And though 4 they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them : and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. For the Lord, the 5 GOD of hosts, *is* he that toucheth the land and it melteth, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like the River; and shall sink again, like the River of Egypt ; *it is* 6 he that buildeth his chambers in the heaven, and hath founded his vault upon the earth ; he that calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth ; the LORD is his name. Are ye not as the children of the 7 Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel ? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir ? Behold, 8 the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth ; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, 9 lo, I will command, and I will ¹sift the house of Israel among all the nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall 10 die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

¹ Heb. *cause to move to and fro.*

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of 11 David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof ; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old ; that they may 12 possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations, which ²are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. Behold, the days come, 13 saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake

² Or, *were*

the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that
soweth seed ; and the mountains shall drop
14 sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And
I will bring again the captivity of my people
Israel, and they shall build the waste cities,
and inhabit them ; and they shall plant vineyards,
and drink the wine thereof ; they shall also
15 make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And
I will plant them upon their land, and they
shall no more be plucked up out of their land
which I have given them, saith the LORD thy
God.

O B A D I A H.

THE vision of Obadiah.

I

¹ See Jer. xlix.
7—22.

Thus saith the Lord GOD ¹concerning Edom:
We have heard tidings from the LORD, and an
ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*,
Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in
battle. Behold, I have made thee small among ²
the nations: thou art greatly despised. The ³
pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, O thou
that dwellest in the clefts of ²the rock, whose
habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who
shall bring me down to the ground? Though ⁴
thou mount on high as the eagle, and though
thy nest be set among the stars, I will bring
thee down from thence, saith the LORD. If ⁵
thieves came to thee, if robbers by night,
(how art thou cut off!) would they not steal till
they had enough? if grapegatherers came to
thee, would they not leave some gleaning
grapes? How are ³*the things of* Esau searched ⁶
out! how are his hidden treasures sought up!
All the men of thy confederacy have ⁴brought ⁷
thee on thy way, even to the border: the men
that were at peace with thee have deceived
thee, and prevailed against thee; ⁵*they that eat*
thy bread lay a ⁶snare under thee: there is none
understanding ⁷in him. Shall I not in that day, ⁸
saith the LORD, destroy the wise men out of

² Or, *Sela*
See 2 Kings
xiv. 7.

³ Or, the men

⁴ Or, *driven*
thee out

⁵ Or, *thy bread*
they make &c.

⁶ Or, *wound*

⁷ Or, *of it*

- Edom, and understanding out of the mount
 9 of Esau? And thy mighty men, O Teman,
 shall be dismayed, to the end that every one
 may be cut off from the mount of Esau by
 10 slaughter. For the violence done to thy brother
 Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be
 11 cut off for ever. In the day that thou stoodest
¹on the other side, in the day that strangers car- ¹ Or, *along*
 ried away his ²substance, and foreigners entered ² Or, *forces*
 into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem,
 12 even thou wast as one of them. But look not
 thou on the day of thy brother in ³the day of ³ Or, *the day*
 his disaster, and rejoice not over the children of *that he was*
 Judah in the day of their destruction; neither *made a*
 13 speak proudly in the day of distress. Enter not *stranger*
 into the gate of my people in the day of their
 calamity; yea, look not thou on their affliction
 in the day of their calamity, neither lay ye *hands*
 on their substance in the day of their calamity.
 14 And stand thou not in the crossway, to cut off
 those of his that escape; and deliver not up those
 15 of his that remain in the day of distress. For
 the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations:
 as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee;
 thy ⁴dealing shall return upon thine own head. ⁴ Or, *recompence*
 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain,
 so shall all the nations drink continually, yea,
 they shall drink, and ⁵swallow down, and shall ⁵ Or, *talk*
 17 be as though they had not been. But in mount *foolishly*
 Zion there shall be those that escape, and it
 shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall
 18 possess their possessions. And the house of
 Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a
 flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and
 they shall burn among them, and devour them:
 and there shall not be any remaining to the house
 19 of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it. And
 they of the South shall possess the mount of

Esau ; and they of the lowland the Philistines :
 and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and
 the field of Samaria : and Benjamin *shall possess*
 Gilead. And the captivity of this ¹host of the ²⁰
 children of Israel, ²which are *among* the Canaan-
 ites, *shall possess* even unto Zarephath ; and the
 captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad,
 shall possess the cities of the South. And ²¹
 saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge
 the mount of Esau ; and the kingdom shall be
 the LORD'S.

¹ Or, *fortress*

² Or, shall
 possess *that*
 which belong-
 eth to the
 Canaanites,
 even &c.
 Or, which
 are among the
 Canaanites,
 even unto
 Zarephath,
 and &c.

JONAH.

- 1 ¹ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah
2 the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh,
that great city, and cry against it; for their
3 wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah
rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence
of the LORD; and he went down to Joppa, and
found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the
fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with
them unto Tarshish from the presence of the
4 LORD. But the LORD ¹sent out a great wind ^{1 Or, *hurled*}
into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in
the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every
man unto his god; and they cast forth the wares
that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it
unto them. But Jonah was gone down into the
innermost parts of the ship; and he lay, and
6 was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to
him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O
sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that
God will think upon us, that we perish not.
7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come,
and let us cast lots, that we may know for
whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast
8 lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. Then said
they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose
cause this evil is upon us; what is thine occupa-
tion? and whence comest thou? what is thy

country? and of what people art thou? And he 9
 said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear
 the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made
 the sea and the dry land. Then were the men 10
 exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, What is
 this that thou hast done? For the men knew
 that he fled from the presence of the LORD, be-
 cause he had told them. Then said they unto 11
 him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea
 may be calm unto us? for the sea grew more
 and more tempestuous. And he said unto them, 12
 Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea;
 so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know
 that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.
 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them 13
 back to the land; but they could not: for the
 sea grew more and more tempestuous against
 them. Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, 14
 and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech
 thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and
 lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O
 LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. So they 15
 took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea:
 and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the 16
 men feared the LORD exceedingly; and they
 offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made
 vows. And the LORD prepared a great fish to 17
 swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly
 of the fish three days and three nights. Then 1 2
 Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the
 fish's belly. And he said,

[Ch. ii. 1 in
 Heb.]

¹ Or, *out of
 mine affliction*

I called ¹by reason of mine affliction unto the
 LORD,

And he answered me;

² Heb. *Sheol*.

Out of the belly of ²hell cried I,
 And thou heardest my voice.

For thou didst cast me into the depth, in the 3
 heart of the seas,

- And the flood was round about me ;
 All thy waves and thy billows passed over
 me.
- 4 And I said, I am cast out from before thine
 eyes ;
 Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
- 5 The waters compassed me about, even to the
 soul ;
 The deep was round about me ;
 The weeds were wrapped about my head.
- 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains ;
 The earth with her bars *closed* upon me for
 ever :
 Yet hast thou brought up my life from ¹the ¹ Or, *corruption*
 pit, O LORD my God.
- 7 When my soul fainted within me, I remem-
 bered the LORD :
 And my prayer came in unto thee, into thine
 holy temple.
- 8 They that regard lying vanities
 Forsake their own mercy.
- 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice
 of thanksgiving ;
 I will pay that which I have vowed.
 Salvation is of the LORD.
- 10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it
 vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.
- 3 ¹ And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah
² the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh,
 that great city, and ²preach unto it the preaching ² Or, *cry*
³ that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went ³ See ch. i. 2.
 unto Nineveh, according to the word of the
 LORD. Now Nineveh was ³an exceeding great ³ Heb. *a city*
⁴ city, of three days' journey. And Jonah began ³ great unto God.
 to enter into the city a day's journey, and he
 cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh
⁵ shall be overthrown. And the people of Nineveh
 believed God ; and they proclaimed a fast, and

¹ Or, *For word came unto the king &c.*

² Heb. *said.*

³ Or, *was beforehand in fleeing*

⁴ Or, *Art thou greatly angry?*

⁵ Or, *Palma Christi*
Heb. *kikayon.*

put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ¹ And the tidings reached ⁶ the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And ⁷ he made proclamation and ²published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: but let them be covered with ⁸ sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knoweth whether ⁹ God will not turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And ¹⁰ God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, which he said he would do unto them; and he did it not. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and ¹ **4** he was angry. And he prayed unto the LORD, ² and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I ³hasted to flee unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, and repentest thee of the evil. There- ³ fore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. And the LORD said, ⁴Doest thou well ⁴ to be angry? Then Jonah went out of the city, ⁵ and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. And the LORD God prepared a ⁶ ⁵gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his evil case. So Jonah was

- 7 exceeding glad because of the gourd. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd, that it withered.
- 8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.
- 9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well
- 10 to be angry even unto death. And the LORD said, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished
- 11 in a night: and should not I have pity on Nineveh, that great city; wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

MICAH.

THE word of the LORD that came to Micah ¹ 1
the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz,
and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw
concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken, O ²
earth, and ¹all that therein is: and let the Lord
¹ Heb. *the ful-* God be witness ²against you, the Lord from his
ness thereof. holy temple. For, behold, the LORD cometh ³
² Or, *among* forth out of his place, and will come down, and
tread upon the high places of the earth. And ⁴
the mountains shall be molten under him, and
the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire,
as waters that are poured down a steep place.
For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and ⁵
for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the
transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and
what are the high places of Judah? are they not
Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Samaria as ⁶
an heap of the field, *and* as the plantings of a
vineyard: and I will pour down the stones
thereof into the valley, and I will discover the
foundations thereof. And all her graven images ⁷
shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall
be burned with fire, and all her idols will I lay
desolate: for of the hire of an harlot hath she
gathered them, and unto the hire of an harlot
shall they return. For this will I wail and howl, ⁸

- I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a mourning like
 9 the ostriches. For her wounds are incurable: for it is come even unto Judah; it reacheth unto
 10 the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. Tell it not in Gath, weep not at all: at ¹Beth-le-Aphrah ²have I rolled myself in the dust.
 11 Pass ye away, O ³inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame: the ³inhabitant of Zaanan is not come forth; the wailing of Beth-ezel shall
 12 take from you the ⁴stay thereof. For the ³inhabitant of Maroth ⁵waiteth anxiously for good: because evil is come down from the LORD unto
 13 the gate of Jerusalem. Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O ³inhabitant of Lachish: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; for the transgressions of Israel were found in
 14 thee. Therefore shalt thou give a parting gift to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be ⁶a deceitful thing unto the kings of Israel.
 15 I will yet bring unto thee, O ³inhabitant of Mareshah, him that shall possess thee: the glory of Israel shall come even unto Adullam.
 16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for the children of thy delight: enlarge thy baldness as the ⁷eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.
 2 1 Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of
 2 their hand. And they covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man
 3 and his heritage. Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks, neither shall ye walk haughtily; for it is
 4 an evil time. In that day shall they take up a

¹ That is, *A house of dust.*

² Another reading is, *roll thyself.*

³ Heb. *inhabitant.*

⁴ Or, *standing place*

⁵ Or, *is in travail*

⁶ Heb. *achzab.*

⁷ Or, *vulture*

¹ Or, *with the lamentation, It is done; and say &c.*

² Or, *depart from*

³ Or, *Prophesy ye not, they are ever prophesying, say they.*
Heb. *Drop &c.*

See Amos vii. 16.

⁴ Or, *of these things: their reproaches never cease*

⁵ Or, *O thou that art named the house of Jacob*

⁶ Or, *impatient*
Heb. *shortened.*

⁷ Heb. *yesterday.*

⁸ The Sept. has, *ye shall be destroyed with &c.*

⁹ Or, *in a spirit of falsehood*

parable against you, and lament ¹with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled: he changeth the portion of my people: how doth he ²remove *it* from me! to the rebellious he divideth our fields. Therefore thou shalt ⁵have none that shall cast the line by lot in the congregation of the LORD. ³Prophesy ye not, ⁶*thus* they prophesy. They shall not prophesy ⁴to these: reproaches shall not depart. ⁵Shall ⁷it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the spirit of the LORD ⁶straitened? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly? But ⁷of late my people is risen up ⁸as an enemy: ye strip the robe from off the garment from them that pass by securely *as men* averse from war. The women of my ⁹people ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children ye take away my glory for ever. Arise ye, and depart; for this ¹⁰is not your rest: because of uncleanness ⁸that destroyeth, even with a grievous destruction. If a man walking ⁹in wind and falsehood do ¹¹lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; ¹²I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah: as a flock in the midst of their pasture, they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of men*. The breaker is gone up before ¹³them: they have broken forth and passed on to the gate, and are gone out thereat: and their king is passed on before them, and the LORD at the head of them.

And I said, Hear, I pray you, ye heads of ¹³ Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know judgement? who hate the ²

good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off
3 their bones; who also eat the flesh of my people; and they flay their skin from off them, and break their bones: yea, they chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the
4 caldron. Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not answer them: yea, he will hide his face from them at that time, according as
5 they have wrought evil in their doings. Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people to err; that bite with their teeth and cry, Peace; and whoso putteth not into their mouths, they even ¹prepare war
6 against him: Therefore it shall be night unto you, that ye shall have no vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and
7 the day shall be black over them. And the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips:
8 for there is no answer of God. But I truly am full of power ²by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgement, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.
9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, that
10 abhor judgement, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with
11 iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us.
12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

¹ Heb. sanctify.

² Or, even the spirit

¹ See Is. ii.²—⁴.² Or, *at the head*³ Or, *instruction*⁴ Or, *among*⁵ Or, *great*⁶ Or, *decide concerning*⁷ Or, *walk*⁸ Or, *Eder*
See Gen.
xxxv. 21.⁹ Heb. *Ophel*.

¹ But in the latter days it shall come to pass, ¹ **4**
that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be
established ²in the top of the mountains, and it
shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples
shall flow unto it. And many nations shall go ²
and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the
mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the
God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways,
and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion
shall go forth ³the law, and the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge ³
⁴between ⁵many peoples, and shall ⁶reprove
strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their
swords into plowshares, and their spears into
pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword
against nation, neither shall they learn war any
more. But they shall sit every man under ⁴
his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall
make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD
of hosts hath spoken it. For all the peoples ⁵
⁷will walk every one in the name of his god, and
we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
for ever and ever.

In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble ⁶
her that halteth, and I will gather her that is
driven away, and her that I have afflicted; and ⁷
I will make her that halted a remnant, and her
that was cast far off a strong nation: and the
LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from
henceforth even for ever. And thou, O tower ⁸
of ⁸the flock, ⁹the hill of the daughter of
Zion, unto thee shall it come; yea, the former
dominion shall come, the kingdom of the
daughter of Jerusalem. Now why dost thou ⁹
cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee, is thy
counsellor perished, that pangs have taken hold
of thee as of a woman in travail? Be in pain, ¹⁰
and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion,

- like a woman in travail : for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and shalt dwell in the field, and shalt come even unto Babylon ; there shalt thou be rescued ; there shall the LORD redeem
- 11 thee from the hand of thine enemies. And now many nations are assembled against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye ¹see ¹ Or, gaze upon
- 12 *its desire* upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel : for he hath gathered them as the
- 13 sheaves to the threshing-floor. Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion : for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass : and thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples : and ²thou shalt devote their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of
- 5 1 the whole earth. Now shalt thou gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops : he hath laid siege against us : they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.
- 2 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the ³thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel ; whose goings forth are from
- 3 of old, ⁴from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth : then the residue of his brethren shall return ⁵unto the children of
- 4 Israel. And he shall stand, and shall feed *his flock* in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God : and they shall abide ; for now shall he be great unto
- 5 the ends of the earth. And this *man* shall be *our* peace : when the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven
- 6 shepherds, and eight ⁶principal men. And they shall ⁷waste the land of Assyria with the sword,
- ² So the ancient versions. The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *I will devote.* [Ch. iv. 14 in Heb.]
- ³ Or, *families* See Judg. vi. 15.
- ⁴ Or, *from ancient days*
- ⁵ Or, *with*
- ⁶ Or, *princes among men*
- ⁷ Or, *eat up* Or, *be shepherds over*

and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our border. And the remnant ⁷ of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from the LORD, as showers upon the grass; that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob ⁸ shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver. Let thine hand be lifted up above ⁹ thine adversaries, and let all thine enemies be cut off.

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith ¹⁰ the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and will destroy thy chariots: and I will cut off the cities of thy ¹¹ land, and will throw down all thy strong holds: and I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; ¹² and thou shalt have no *more* soothsayers: and ¹³ I will cut off thy graven images and thy ¹pillars out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. And ¹⁴ I will pluck up thine ²Asherim out of the midst of thee: and I will destroy thy ³cities. And I ¹⁵ will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations ⁴which hearkened not.

¹ Or, *obelisks*

² See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

³ Or, *enemies*

⁴ Or, *such as they have not heard*

Hear ye now what the LORD saith: Arise, ¹ **6** contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear, O ye mountains, ² the LORD's controversy, and ye enduring foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done ³

unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee?
 4 testify against me. For I brought thee up out
 of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out
 of the house of bondage; and I sent before
 5 thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people,
 remember now what Balak king of Moab con-
 sulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor
 answered him; *remember* from Shittim unto
 Gilgal, that ye may know the righteous acts
 6 of the LORD. Wherewith shall I come before
 the LORD, and bow myself before the high
 God? shall I come before him with burnt
 7 offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the
 LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or*
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give
 my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of
 8 my body for the sin of my soul? He hath
 shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what
 doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly,
 and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with
 thy God?

9 The voice of the LORD crieth unto the city,
 and *the man of* wisdom will ¹see thy name:
 hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.
 10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in
 the house of the wicked, and the scant ²measure
 11 that is abominable? Shall I be pure with
 wicked balances, and with a bag of deceitful
 12 weights? For the rich men thereof are full
 of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have
 spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in
 13 their mouth. Therefore I also have smitten
 thee with a grievous wound; I have made
 14 thee desolate because of thy sins. Thou shalt
 eat, but not be satisfied; and thy ³humiliation
 shall be in the midst of thee: and thou shalt
 remove, but shalt not carry away safe; and that
 which thou carriest away will I give up to the

¹ Some ancient
versions read,
fear.

² Heb. *ephah.*

³ Or,
emptiness

sword. Thou shalt sow, but shalt not reap : 15
 thou shalt tread the olives, but shalt not anoint
 thee with oil ; and the vintage, but shalt not
 drink the wine. For the statutes of Omri are 16
 kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab,
 and ye walk in their counsels : that I should
 make thee ¹a desolation, and the inhabitants
 thereof an hissing ; and ye shall bear the
 reproach of my people.

¹ Or, *an*
astonishment

Woe is me ! for I am as when they have 1 **7**
 gathered the summer fruits, as the grape
 gleanings of the vintage : there is no cluster to
 eat ; ²my soul desireth the firstripe fig. The ²
 godly man is perished out of the earth, and
 there is none upright among men : they all lie
 in wait for blood ; they hunt every man his
 brother with a net. ³Their hands are upon 3
 that which is evil to do it diligently ; the prince
 asketh, and the judge *is ready* for a reward ;
 and the great man, he uttereth the mischief of
 his soul : thus they weave it together. The best 4
 of them is as a brier : ⁴the most upright is *worse*
 than a thorn hedge : the day of thy watchmen,
 even thy visitation, is come ; now shall be their
 perplexity. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not 5
 confidence in a ⁵guide : keep the doors of thy
 mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For 6
 the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter
 riseth up against her mother, the daughter in
 law against her mother in law ; a man's enemies
 are the men of his own house.

² Or, *nor first-*
ripe fig which
my soul
desired

³ Or, *Both*
hands are put
forth for evil
to do it &c.

⁴ Or, *the*
straightest is
as it were
taken from
&c.

⁵ Or, *familiar*
friend

⁶ Or, *in the*
LORD will I
keep watch

⁷ See ver. 10.

But as for me, ⁶I will look unto the LORD ; I 7
 will wait for the God of my salvation : my God
 will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O ⁷mine 8
 enemy : when I fall, I shall arise ; when I sit in
 darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me. I 9
 will bear the indignation of the LORD, because
 I have sinned against him ; until he plead my

cause, and execute judgement for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold
 10 his righteousness. Then mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her; which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? Mine eyes shall behold her; now shall she be trodden
 11 down as the mire of the streets. ¹A day for building thy walls! in that day shall ²the ³decree be far removed. In that day shall they come unto thee, from Assyria and the cities of ⁴Egypt, and from ⁴Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain.
 13 Yet shall the land be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.
 14 ⁵Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in
 15 Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous
 16 things. The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.
 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places: they shall come with fear unto the LORD our God, and
 18 shall be afraid because of thee. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for
 19 ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again and have compassion upon us; he will ⁶tread our iniquities under foot: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the
 20 sea. ⁷Thou wilt ⁸perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

¹ Or, *In the day that thy walls are to be built*

² See Zeph. ii. 2.

³ Or, *boundary*

⁴ Heb. *Mazor*.

⁵ Or, *Rule*

⁶ Or, *subdue our iniquities*

⁷ Or, *Thou wilt shew thy faithfulness &c.*

⁸ Heb. *give*.

NAHUM.

¹ Or, *oracle*
concerning

THE ¹burden of Nineveh. The book of the 1
vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

The LORD is a jealous God and avengeth ; ²
the LORD avengeth and is full of wrath ; the
LORD taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and
he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies. The LORD ³
is slow to anger, and great in power, and will
by no means clear *the guilty* : the LORD hath
his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and
the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh ⁴
the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all
the rivers : Bashan languisheth, and Carmel,
and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The ⁵
mountains quake at him, and the hills melt ; and
the earth is upheaved at his presence, yea, the
world, and all that dwell therein. Who can ⁶
stand before his indignation ? and who can abide
in the fierceness of his anger ? his fury is poured
out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder
by him. The LORD is good, a strong hold in ⁷
the day of trouble ; and he knoweth them that
put their trust in him. But with an overrunning ⁸
flood he will make a full end of the place thereof,
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.
What do ye imagine against the LORD ? he ⁹
will make a full end : affliction shall not rise up
the second time. For though they be like ¹⁰

tangled thorns, and be drenched as it were in their drink, they shall be devoured ¹utterly as dry stubble. There is one gone forth out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, ²that counselleth ³wickedness. Thus saith the LORD: Though they be in full strength, and likewise many, even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away. ⁴Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. And now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder. And the LORD hath given commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art vile. Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! Keep thy feasts, O Judah, perform thy vows: for ⁵the wicked one shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

¹ Or, as stubble fully dry

² Or, a wicked counsellor

³ Or, worthlessness Heb. Belial.

⁴ Or, So will I afflict thee, that I shall afflict &c.

[Ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]

⁵ Or, the man of worthlessness Heb. Belial.

2 ¹ He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. ² For the LORD bringeth again the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred ³their vine branches. The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots ⁶flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the ⁷spears are shaken terribly. The chariots rage in the streets, they jostle one against another in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches, they ⁵run like the lightnings. He remembereth his worthies: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the mantelet ⁶is prepared. The gates of the rivers are opened,

⁶ Heb. are with fire of steel.

⁷ Heb. fir trees.

¹ Or, *And it is decreed; she is uncovered &c.*

² Or, *lead her*

³ Heb. *hearts.*

⁴ Or, *from the days that she hath been*

⁵ Or, *causeth them to turn*

⁶ Or, *wealth*

and the palace is dissolved. ¹And Huzzab is ⁷uncovered, she is carried away, and her handmaids ²mourn as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their ³breasts. But Nineveh hath been ⁸from of old like a pool of water: yet they flee away; Stand, stand, *they cry*; but none ⁵looketh back. Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil ⁹of gold: for there is none end of the store, the ⁶glory of all pleasant furniture. She is empty, ¹⁰and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and anguish is in all loins, and the faces of them all are waxed pale. Where is the den of the lions, ¹¹and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion ⁷and the lioness walked, the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid? The lion did tear ¹²in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his caves with prey, and his dens with ravin. Behold, I am against ¹³thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

⁷ Or, *even the old lion*

Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies ¹**3** and rapine; the prey departeth not. The noise ²of the whip, and the noise of the rattling of wheels; and pransing horses, and jumping chariots; the horseman ³mounting, and the ³flashing sword, and the glittering spear; and a multitude of slain, and a great heap of carcases: and there is none end of the corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: because of the ⁴multitude of the whoredoms of the well favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. Behold, I am against ⁵thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will discover

⁸ Or, *charging*

- thy skirts ¹upon thy face; and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy
 6 shame. And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as
 7 a gazingstock. And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters
 8 for thee? Art thou better than No-amon, that was situate among the ²rivers, that had the waters round about her; whose rampart was
 9 ³the sea, *and* her wall ⁴was of the sea? Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite;
 10 Put and Lubim were thy helpers. Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were
 11 bound in chains. Thou also shalt be drunken, thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek ⁵a
 12 strong hold because of the enemy. All thy fortresses shall be *like* fig trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they fall into the
 13 mouth of the eater. Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women; the gates of thy land are set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire
 14 hath devoured thy bars. Draw thee water for the siege, strengthen thy fortresses: go into the clay, and tread the mortar, ⁶make strong the
 15 brickkiln. There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall devour thee like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the
 16 locust. Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm ⁷
 17 ⁸spoileth, and flieth away. Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy ⁹marshals as the swarms of grasshoppers, which camp in the ¹⁰hedges

¹ Or, *before*² Or, *canals*
See Ex. vii. 19.³ That is, the Nile.⁴ Some ancient versions have, *was the waters.*⁵ Or, *a defence against*⁶ Or, *lay hold of the brickmould*⁷ Or, *spreadeth himself*⁸ Or, *scribes*⁹ Or, *walls*

in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. Thy shepherds slumber, O king of 18 Assyria : thy worthies are at rest : thy people are scattered upon the mountains, and there is none to gather them. There is no assuaging 19 of thy hurt ; thy wound is grievous : all that hear the bruit of thee clap the hands over thee ; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually ?

HABAKKUK.

- 1 ¹ THE ¹burden which Habakkuk the prophet ¹ Or, *oracle*
did see.
- 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt
not hear? I cry out unto thee of violence, and
- 3 thou wilt not save. Why dost thou shew
me iniquity, and ²look upon perverseness? for
spoiling and violence are before me: and there
- 4 is strife, and contention riseth up. There-
fore the law is slacked, and judgement ³doth
never go forth: for the wicked doth compass
about the righteous; therefore judgement goeth
- 5 forth perverted. Behold ye among the nations,
and regard, and wonder marvellously: for ⁴I
work a work in your days, which ye will not
- 6 believe though it be told you. For, lo, I raise
up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation;
which march through the breadth of the earth,
to possess dwelling places that are not theirs.
- 7 ⁵They are terrible and dreadful: their judge-
ment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
- 8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and
are more fierce than the evening wolves; and
their horsemen ⁶spread themselves: yea, their
horsemen come from far; they fly as an eagle
- 9 that hasteth to devour. They come all of them
for violence; ⁷their faces are set eagerly ⁸as the
east wind; and they gather captives as the sand.
- ² Or, *cause me to look*
- ³ Or, *goeth not forth unto victory*
- ⁴ Or, *one worketh*
- ⁵ Heb. *He*, and so in vv. 8, 9.
- ⁶ Or, *bear themselves proudly*
- ⁷ Heb. *the eagerness (or assembling) of their faces is &c.*
- ⁸ Or, *towards the east*
Or, *forwards*

¹ Or, *And they scoff &c.*

² Or, *Then shall the wind sweep by, and he shall pass away*

³ Or, *transgress*

⁴ According to an ancient Jewish tradition, *thou diest not.*

⁶ See Deut. xxii. 4.

¹ Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a ¹⁰ derision unto him: he derideth every strong hold; for he heapeth up dust, and taketh it. ¹¹ Then shall he sweep by *as* a wind, and shall ¹² pass over, and be guilty: *even* he whose might is his god. Art not thou from everlasting, O ¹² LORD my God, mine Holy One? ¹³ we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained him for judgment; and thou, O ¹⁴ Rock, hast established him for correction. Thou that art of purer eyes ¹⁵ than to behold evil, and that canst not look on perverseness, wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy peace when the wicked swalloweth up the man that is more righteous than he; and makest men ¹⁶ as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? He taketh up ¹⁷ all of them with the angle, he catcheth them in his net, and gathereth them in his drag: therefore he rejoiceth and is glad. Therefore ¹⁸ he sacrificeth unto his net, and burneth incense unto his drag; because by them his portion is fat, and his meat ¹⁹ plenteous. Shall he therefore ²⁰ empty his net, and not spare to slay the nations continually?

I will stand upon my watch, and set me ¹ ² upon the ³ tower, and will look forth to see what he will speak ⁴ with me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD ⁵ answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for the ⁶ appointed time, and it ⁷ hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not ⁸ upright ⁹ in him: but the just shall live ¹⁰ by his faith. ¹¹ Yea, moreover, wine is a treacherous dealer, ¹²

⁹ Heb. *phanteth.*

¹⁰ Or, *straight*

¹¹ Or, *in his faithfulness*

¹² Or, *And also because his wine...he is a haughty man*

⁷ Or, *fortress*

⁸ Or, *by*

- a haughty man, and ¹that keepeth not at home ; who enlargeth his desire as ²hell, and he is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all
6 peoples. Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting ³proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his ! how long ? and that ladeth
7 himself with pledges ! Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall ⁴bite thee, and awake that shall ⁵vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties
8 unto them ? Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall spoil thee ; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.
- 9 Woe to him that getteth an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil !
10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house, by cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned
11 against thy soul. For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.
- 12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood,
13 and stablisheth a city by iniquity ! Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the peoples labour for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity ? For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
- 14 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that ⁶addest thy ⁷venom *thereto*, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their
16 nakedness ! Thou art filled with shame for glory : drink thou also, and ⁸be as one uncircumcised : the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and foul shame shall be

¹ Or, *he shall not abide*² Heb. *Sheol*.³ Or, *riddle*⁴ Or, *exact usury of thee*⁵ Or, *loss thee to and fro*⁶ Or, *pourdest*⁷ Or, *fury*⁸ Or, *let thy foreskin be uncovered*

¹ According to many ancient versions, *shall make thee afraid.*

upon thy glory. For the violence done to ¹⁷ Lebanon shall cover thee, and the destruction of the beasts, ¹which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

² Or, *it's*

What profiteth the graven image, that the ¹⁸ maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and the teacher of lies, that the maker of ²his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood, ¹⁹ Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise! Shall this teach? Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple: ²⁰

³ Heb. *be silent before him,*
all the earth.

³let all the earth keep silence before him.

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, set to ¹ **3** Shigionoth.

⁴ Or, *thy fame*

⁵ Or, *was*

O LORD, I have heard ⁴the report of thee, ² and ⁵am afraid:

O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years,

In the midst of the years make it known;

In wrath remember mercy.

⁶ Or, *cometh*
(and similarly to the end of ver. 15)

God ⁶came from Teman, ³

And the Holy One from mount Paran. [Selah

His glory covered the heavens,

And the earth was full of his praise.

And *his* brightness was as the light; ⁴

⁷ Heb. *horns.*

⁸ Or, *at his side*

He had ⁷rays *coming forth* ⁸from his hand:

And there was the hiding of his power.

Before him went the pestilence, ⁵

⁹ Or, *burning coals*

And ⁹fiery bolts went forth at his feet.

¹⁰ Or, *shock*

He stood, and ¹⁰measured the earth; ⁶

He beheld, and drove asunder the nations:

And the eternal mountains were scattered,

The everlasting hills did bow;

- ¹ His goings were *as* of old.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction :
The curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- 8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers ?
Was thine anger against the rivers,
Or thy wrath against the sea,
That thou didst ride upon thine horses,
Upon thy chariots of salvation ?
- 9 Thy bow was made quite bare ;
² The oaths to the tribes were a *sure* word. [Selah
Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw thee, and ³ were afraid ;
The tempest of waters passed by :
The deep uttered his voice,
And lifted up his hands on high.
- 11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation ;
At the light of thine arrows as they went,
At the shining of thy glittering spear.
- 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation,
Thou didst thresh the nations in anger.
- 13 Thou ⁴ wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,
⁵ For the salvation of thine anointed ;
- ⁶ Thou ⁷ woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked,
Laying bare the foundation even unto the neck. [Selah
- 14 Thou ⁸ didst pierce with his own staves the head of his ⁹ warriors :
They came as a whirlwind to scatter me :
Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.
- 15 Thou ¹⁰ didst tread the sea with thine horses,
The ¹¹ heap of mighty waters.

¹ Or, *His ways are everlasting*

² Or, *Sworn were the chastisements (Heb. rods) of thy word*
³ Or, *were in pain*

⁴ Or, *art come*

⁵ Or, *For salvation (or victory) with thine anointed*

⁶ Or, *Thou didst smile off the head from the house &c.*

⁷ Or, *hast wounded*

⁸ Or, *hast pierced*

⁹ Or, *hordes Or, villages*

¹⁰ Or, *hast trodden*

¹¹ Or, *surge*

I heard, and my belly trembled, 16
 My lips quivered at the voice ;
 Rottenness entered into my bones, and I
 trembled in my place :
 That I should rest ¹in the day of trouble,
²When it cometh up against the people ³which
 invadeth him in troops.
 For though the fig tree shall not blossom, 17
 Neither shall fruit be in the vines ;
 The labour of the olive shall fail,
 And the fields shall yield no meat ;
 The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
 And there shall be no herd in the stalls :
 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, 18
 I will joy in the God of my salvation.
 Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength, 19
 And he maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*,
 And will make me to walk upon mine high
 places.

For the Chief Musician, on my stringed instruments.

¹ Or, waiting
for

² Or, *When he
that shall
invade them
in troops
cometh up
against the
people*

³ Or, *to invade
them*

ZEPHANIAH.

1 ¹ THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the
3 face of the ground, saith the LORD. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the face of the ground,
4 saith the LORD. And I will stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the

5 ¹Chemarim with the priests; and them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship, which swear to the
6 LORD and swear by ²Malcam; and them that are turned back from following the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor inquired after him.

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath
8 ³sanctified his guests. And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I

¹ See 2 Kings xxiii. 5, Hos. x. 5.

² Or, *their king*

³ See 1 Sam. xvi. 5.

¹ Heb. *visit upon*.

² Heb. *Mishneh*.

³ Or, *The mortar*

⁴ Or, *the merchant people*

⁵ Heb. *lamps*.

⁶ Or, *thickened*

⁷ Or, *corner towers*

⁸ Or, *speedy*

will ¹punish the princes, and the king's sons, and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. And in that day I will ¹punish all those that ⁹ leap over the threshold, which fill their master's house with violence and deceit. And in that ¹⁰ day, saith the LORD, there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the ²second quarter, and a great crashing from the hills. Howl, ye inhabitants of ³Maktesh, for all ¹¹ ⁴the people of Canaan are undone: all they that were laden with silver are cut off. And it shall ¹² come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with ⁵candles; and I will ¹punish the men that are ⁶settled on their lees, that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. And their wealth shall ¹³ become a spoil, and their houses a desolation: yea, they shall build houses, but shall not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the wine thereof. The ¹⁴ great day of the LORD is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD; the mighty man crieth there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble ¹⁵ and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet ¹⁶ and alarm, against the fenced cities, and against the high ⁷battlements. And I will bring distress ¹⁷ upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor ¹⁸ their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make an end, yea, a ⁸terrible end, of all them that dwell in the land.

- 2** ¹ Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation that hath no ¹shame; before the decree bring forth, ²*before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at the noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of ³the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the LORD is against you, O Canaan, the land of the Philistines; I will destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. And the sea coast shall be pastures, with ⁴cottages for ⁴shepherds and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed *their flocks* thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for the LORD their God shall visit them, and bring again their captivity. I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, wherewith they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border. Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of ⁵nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my nation shall inherit them. This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts. The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will

¹ Or, *longing*² Or, (*the day passeth as the chaff,*)³ Or, *the region of the sea*⁴ Or, *caves*⁵ Or, *wild vetches*

famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the ¹isles of the nations. Ye Ethiopians ¹² also, ye shall be slain by my sword. And he ¹³ will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like the wilderness. And ¹⁴ herds shall lie down in the midst of her, ²all the beasts of the nations: both the pelican and the porcupine shall lodge in the chapters thereof: *their* voice shall sing in the windows; ³desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he hath laid bare the cedar work. This is the ¹⁵ joyous city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none else beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted, ¹ **3** to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the ² voice; she received not ⁴correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God. Her princes in the midst of her are roaring ³ lions; her judges are evening wolves; they ⁵leave nothing till the morrow. Her prophets ⁴ are light and treacherous persons: her priests have profaned the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. The LORD in the midst ⁵ of her is righteous; he will not do iniquity; ⁶every morning doth he bring his judgement to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. I have cut off nations, their ⁷battle- ⁶ ments are desolate; I have made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant. I said, Surely thou wilt ⁷ fear me, thou wilt receive ⁴correction; so her dwelling should not be cut off, ⁸according to all

¹ Or, coastlands

² Or, all beasts of every kind

³ Or, drought

⁴ Or, instruction

⁵ Or, gnaw not the bones on the morrow

⁶ Heb. morning by morning.

⁷ Or, corner towers

⁸ Or, howsoever I punished her

- that I have appointed concerning her: but they rose early and corrupted all their doings.
- 8 Therefore wait ye for me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my ¹de-
¹ Heb. judgement.
- termination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire
- 9 of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the peoples a pure ²language, that they may all
² Heb. *lip*.
- call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him
- 10 with one ³consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia ⁴my suppliants, even the daughter
³ Heb. shoulder.
⁴ Or, shall they bring my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, for an offering unto me
- 11 of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee ⁵thy proudly exulting ones, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my
- 12 holy mountain. But I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they
- 13 shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.
- 14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter
- 15 of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgements, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst
- 16 of thee: thou shalt not ⁶fear evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: ⁷O Zion, let not thine hands be slack.
- 17 The LORD thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save: he will rejoice over thee with joy, he will ⁸rest in his love, he
- 18 will joy over thee with singing. ⁹I will gather
⁶ Another reading is, see.
⁷ Or, and to Zion
⁸ Heb. be silent.
⁹ Or, They have been sorrowful for the solemn assembly which I took away from thee, for the lifting up of reproach against her

¹ Or, *are removed from*

² Or, *which hast borne the burden of reproach*

³ According to some ancient authorities, *thee.*

them that ¹sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of thee: ²*to whom* the burden upon ³her was a reproach. Behold, at that time I will ¹⁹deal with all them that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. At that time will I bring you in, and ²⁰at that time will I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring again your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

HAGGAI.

1 ¹ IN the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, ² the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, ¹ It is not the time *for us* to come, the time for the LORD's house to be built. Then came the word ³ of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your cieled houses, while this house lieth waste? ⁵ Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: ⁶ ² Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages ⁷ *to put it* into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ⁸ ² Consider your ways. Go up to the ³ mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will ⁹ be glorified, saith the LORD. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did ⁴ blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that lieth waste, while ye run every man to his

¹ According to many ancient versions, *The time is not come for the LORD's house &c.*

² Heb. *Set your heart on your ways.*

³ Or, *hill country*

⁴ Or, *blow it away*

¹ Or, *over you* own house. Therefore ¹for your sake the ¹⁰ heaven is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed *from* her fruit. And I called for a ¹¹ drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and ¹² Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people did fear before the LORD. Then spake Haggai the LORD'S ¹³ messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerub- ¹⁴ babel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, in ¹⁵ the four and twentieth day of the month, in the sixth *month*, in the second year of Darius the king.

In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth ¹ ² *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Speak now to ² Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Who is left among you that ³ saw this house in its former glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, ⁴ saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all

- ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of
 5 hosts, ¹*according to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, and my
 6 spirit ²abode among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and
 7 the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and ³the desirable things of all nations shall come, and I will fill this
 8 house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the
 9 LORD of hosts. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 10 In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, say-
 11 ing, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Ask now
 12 the priests concerning the law, saying, If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it become holy?
 13 And the priests answered and said, No. Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be
 14 unclean. Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is un-
 15 clean. And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:
 16 ⁴through all that time, when one came to an heap of twenty *measures*, there were but ten; when one came to the winefat for to draw out

¹ Or, Remember the word &c.

² Or, *abideth*

³ Or, *the things desired* (Heb. *desire*) of all nations shall come

⁴ Heb. *since those days were.*

fifty *vessels*, there were but twenty. I smote ¹⁷
you with blasting and with mildew and with
hail in all the work of your hands; yet ye *turned*
not to me, saith the LORD. Consider, I pray ¹⁸
you, from this day and upward, from the four
and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, since the
day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple
was laid, consider it. Is the seed yet in the ¹⁹
barn? yea, the vine, and the fig tree, and the
pomegranate, and the olive tree hath not
brought forth; from this day will I bless *you*.

And the word of the LORD came the second ²⁰
time unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day*
of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, ²¹
governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the
heavens and the earth: and I will overthrow ²²
the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the
strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I
will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride
in them; and the horses and their riders shall
come down, every one by the sword of his
brother. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, ²³
will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the
son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make
thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith
the LORD of hosts.

ZECHARIAH.

- 1 1 IN the eighth month, in the second year of
Darius, came the word of the LORD unto
Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of
2 Iddo, the prophet, saying, The LORD hath
3 been sore displeased with your fathers. There-
fore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD
of hosts: Return unto me, saith the LORD of
hosts, and I will return unto you, saith the
4 LORD of hosts. Be ye not as your fathers, unto
whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, Return ye now from
your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but
they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith
5 the LORD. Your fathers, where are they? and
6 the prophets, do they live for ever? But my
words and my statutes, which I commanded my
servants the prophets, did they not overtake
your fathers? and they turned and said, Like
as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us,
according to our ways, and according to our
doings, so hath he dealt with us.
- 7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the
eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in
the second year of Darius, came the word of
the LORD unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah,
8 the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, I saw in
the night, and behold a man riding upon a red

¹ Or, *shady place*

horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the ¹bottom; and behind him there were horses, red, sorrel, and white. Then said ⁹ I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood ¹⁰ among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they ¹¹ answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Then the angel of the LORD answered and ¹² said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? And the LORD ¹³ answered the angel that talked with me with good words, *even* comfortable words. So the ¹⁴ angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased ¹⁵ with the nations that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they ²helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD: I ¹⁶ am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem. Cry yet again, saying, Thus saith ¹⁷ the LORD of hosts: My cities ³through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

² Or, *helped for evil.*

³ Or, *shall yet overflow with prosperity*

[Ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]

And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and ¹⁸ behold four horns. And I said unto the angel ¹⁹ that talked with me, What be these? And

he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20, 21 And the LORD shewed me four smiths. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

2 1 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. [Ch. ii. 5 in Heb.]

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall ¹be inhabited as villages without walls, by reason of the multitude of men and cattle therein. For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her. Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. Ho Zion, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

3 For thus saith the LORD of hosts: ²After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be

¹ Or, dwell

² Or, After the glory, he hath &c.

my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD¹² shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. Be silent,¹³ all flesh, before the LORD: for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest¹ **3** standing before the angel of the LORD, and¹ Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. And the LORD said unto Satan, The² LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; yea, the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now³ Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered⁴ and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel. And⁵ I said,⁵ Let them set a fair³ mitre upon his head. So they set a fair³ mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of the LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD⁶ protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the⁷ LORD of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou also shalt judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee⁴ a place of access among these that stand by. Hear now, O⁸ Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men which are a⁵ sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the⁶ Branch. For behold, the stone that⁹ I have set before Joshua; upon one stone are seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will

¹ That is, *the Adversary*.

² According to some ancient authorities, *he said*.

³ Or, *turban*
Or, *diadem*

⁴ Or, *places to walk*

⁵ Or, *wonder*

⁶ Or, *Shoot*
Or, *Sprout*

remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

4 1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened
2 out of his sleep. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and behold, a candlestick all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon;

3 ¹there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof: and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

¹ The Sept. and Vulgate have, and seven pipes to the lamps.

4 And I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my
5 lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by ²might, nor by power, but by

² Or, an army

7 my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the head stone with shoutings of Grace,
8 grace, unto it. Moreover the word of the

9 LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent

10 me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, even these seven, *which are* the eyes of the LORD; they run to and fro through the whole
11 earth. Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right

side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered the second time, and ¹² said unto him, What be these two olive branches, ¹ which are beside the two golden spouts, that empty ² the golden oil out of themselves? And ¹³ he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then ¹⁴ said he, These are the two sons of oil, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

¹ Or, *which by means of the two golden spouts empty*

² Heb. *the gold.*

Then again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, ¹ **5** and behold, a flying roll. And he said unto ² me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said ³ he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole land: for every one that stealeth shall be purged out ³ on the one side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be purged out ³ on the other side according to it. I will cause it to go forth, ⁴ saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall abide in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

³ Or, *from hence*

Then the angel that talked with me went ⁵ forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. And I ⁶ said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their ⁴ resemblance in all the land: (and be- ⁷ hold, there was lifted up a ⁵ talent of lead:) and this is a woman sitting in the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is Wickedness; and ⁸ he cast her down into the midst of the ephah: and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, ⁹

⁴ Heb. *eye.* According to some ancient authorities, *iniquity.*

⁵ Or, *round piece*

and behold, there came forth two women, and the wind was in their wings; now they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me,

11 Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, To build her an house in the land of Shinar: and when it is ¹prepared, she shall be set there ²in her own place.

¹ Or, established

² Or, upon her own base

6 1 And again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there came four chariots out from between ³two mountains; and the mountains

³ Or, the two

2 were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot

3 black horses; and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled ⁴bay

⁴ Or, strong
The word is omitted in the Syriac.

4 horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my

5 lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four ⁵winds of heaven, which

⁵ Or, spirits

6 go forth from ⁶standing before the Lord of all the earth. *The chariot* wherein are the black

⁶ Or, presenting themselves

horses goeth forth toward the north country; and the white went forth after them; and the grisled went forth toward the south country.

7 And the ⁷bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and

⁷ Or, strong
The Syriac and Aquila have, red.

8 fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, they that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 And the word of the LORD came unto me,

10 saying, Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, whither they are

¹ Or, *a crown,*
and set it

² Or, *whose*
name is the
Bud; and it
(or they) shall
bud forth
under him

³ Or, *Shoot*
Or, *Sprout*

⁴ Or, *shoot*

⁵ Or, *there*
shall be

⁶ Or, *crown*

⁷ Or, *for the*
kindness of the
son &c.

come from Babylon; yea, take *of them* silver ¹¹
and gold, and make ¹crowns, and set them upon
the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the
high priest; and speak unto him, saying, Thus ¹²
speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold, the
man ²whose name is the ³Branch; and he shall
⁴grow up out of his place, and he shall build
the temple of the LORD: even he shall build ¹³
the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the
glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne;
and ⁵he shall be a priest upon his throne: and
the counsel of peace shall be between them
both. And the ⁶crowns shall be to Helem, and ¹⁴
to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and ⁷to Hen the son
of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of
the LORD. And they that are far off shall come ¹⁵
and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye
shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me
unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye
will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your
God.

⁸ Or, *Now they*
of Beth-el, even
Sharezer...
had sent

And it came to pass in the fourth year of ¹ **7**
king Darius, that the word of the LORD came
unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth
month, even in Chislev. ⁸Now *they of* Beth-el ²
had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech, and their
men, to intreat the favour of the LORD, and ³
to speak unto the priests of the house of the
LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying,
Should I weep in the fifth month, separating
myself, as I have done these so many years?
Then came the word of the LORD of hosts ⁴
unto me, saying, Speak unto all the people of ⁵
the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye
fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the
seventh *month*, even these seventy years, did
ye at all fast unto me, even to me? And ⁶
when ye eat, and when ye drink, ⁹do not ye

⁹ Or, *are not ye*
they that eat
&c.

eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7 *Should ye not hear* the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?

8 And the word of the LORD came unto
9 Zechariah, saying, Thus hath the LORD of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgement, and shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother:

10 and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and ¹pulled away the shoulder, and ²stopped their ears, that they

12 should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by his spirit by the hand of the former prophets: therefore came there great wrath

13 from the LORD of hosts. And it came to pass that, as he cried, and they would not hear; so they shall cry, and I will not hear, said

14 the LORD of hosts; but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the ³pleasant land desolate.

¹ Or, *turned a stubborn shoulder*

² Or, *made their ears heavy*
See Is. vi. 10.

³ Heb. *land of desire.*

8 ¹ And the word of the LORD of hosts came to

² *me*, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I

am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I

³ am jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD: I am returned unto Zion, and will

dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem

shall be called The city of truth; and the mount-

ain of the LORD of hosts The holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: There shall

¹ Or, *sit*

² Heb. *for
multitude
of days.*

yet old men and old women ¹dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand ²for very age. And the streets ⁵of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD ⁶of hosts: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ⁷Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country: and I ⁸will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ⁹Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built. For before ¹⁰those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the adversary: for I set all men every one against his neighbour. But now I will not be unto ¹¹the remnant of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts. For *there shall* ¹²*be* the seed of peace; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. And it shall come to pass ¹³that, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong. For ¹⁴thus saith the LORD of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked

me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I
 15 repented not; so again have I thought in these
 days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the
 16 house of Judah: fear ye not. These are the
 things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man
 the truth with his neighbour; ¹execute the judge-
 17 ment of truth and peace in your gates: and
 let none of you imagine evil in your hearts
 against his neighbour; and love no false oath:
 for all these are things that I hate, saith the
 LORD.

¹ Heb. judge
truth and
the judgement
of peace.

18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came
 19 unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
 The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of
 the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the
 fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah
 joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore
 20 love truth and peace. Thus saith the LORD of
 hosts: *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall
 come peoples, and the inhabitants of ²many
 21 cities: and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go
 to another, saying, Let us go speedily to intreat
 the favour of the LORD, and to seek the LORD
 22 of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many peoples
 and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD
 of hosts in Jerusalem, and to intreat the favour
 23 of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
 In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men
 shall take hold, out of all the languages of the
 nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him
 that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for
 we have heard that God is with you.

² Or, great

9 1 The ³burden of the word of the LORD upon
 the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* its
 resting place: for ⁴the eye of man and of all
 2 the tribes of Israel is toward the LORD: and
 Hamath also which bordereth thereon: Tyre
 3 and Zidon, ⁵because she is very wise. And Tyre

³ Or, oracle

⁴ Or, the LORD
hath an eye
upon men and
upon all the
tribes of Israel

⁵ Or, though

did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets. Behold, the Lord will dispossess ⁴ her, and he will smite ¹her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. Ashkelon ⁵ shall see it, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be sore pained; and Ekron, for her expectation shall be ashamed: and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

And ²a bastard shall ³dwell in Ashdod, and I ⁶ will cut off the pride of the Philistines. And ⁷ I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he also shall be a remnant for our God: and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite. And I will encamp about ⁸ mine house ⁴against the army, that none pass through or return: and no ⁵oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, ⁹ O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and ⁶having ⁷salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut ¹⁰ off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace unto the nations: and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from ⁸the River to the ends of the earth. As ¹¹ for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. ⁹ Turn you to the ¹² strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee. For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the ¹³ bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O ¹⁰Greece, and will

¹ Or, *the sea which is her rampart*
Or, *her rampart into the sea*

² Or, *a bastard race*

³ Or, *sit as king*

⁴ Or, *as otherwise read, as a garrison*

⁵ Or, *exactor*

⁶ Heb. *saved*.

⁷ Or, *victory*

⁸ See Ex. xxiii. 31.

⁹ Or, *Return*

¹⁰ Heb. *Javan*.

make thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall

15 go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine: and they shall be filled like bowls,

16 like the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as* the stones

17 of a crown, ¹lifted on high over his land. For how great is ²his ³goodness, and how great is ²his beauty! corn shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maids.

¹ Or, *glittering upon &c.*

² Or, *their*

³ Or, *prosperity*

10 1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain, *even of* the LORD that maketh lightnings; and he shall give them showers of rain, to

2 every one grass in the field. For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and ⁴they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no

⁴ Or, *the dreamers speak falsely*

3 shepherd. Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and shall make them as his goodly horse

4 in the battle. From him shall come forth the corner stone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every ⁵exactor together.

⁵ Or, *ruler*

5 And they shall be as mighty men, treading down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them: and the riders on horses

6 shall be confounded. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will ⁶bring them again, for

⁶ Or, *cause them to dwell*

I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and I will hear them. And *they* of Ephraim shall be like a mighty 7 man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in the LORD. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I 8 have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. ¹And I will sow them 9 among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries: and they shall live with their children, and shall return. I will bring 10 them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them. And 11 he shall pass through the sea of affliction, and shall smite ²the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I 12 will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

¹ Or, *And though I sow them... they shall remember &c.*

² Or, *the sea of waves*

Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire 1 11 may devour thy cedars. Howl, O fir tree, for 2

³ Or, *glorious* the cedar is fallen, because the ³goodly ones are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan, for

⁴ Or, *defenced* the ⁴strong forest is come down. A voice of 3 the howling of the shepherds! for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions! for the pride of Jordan is spoiled. Thus said 4 the LORD my God: Feed the flock of slaughter;

⁵ Or, *buyers* whose ⁵possessors slay them, and hold them- 5 selves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich: and ⁶their own shepherds pity them not. For I will no 6

⁶ Or, *their shepherd pitieth*

more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

7 So I fed the flock of slaughter, verily ¹the poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called ²Beauty, and the other

8 I called ³Bands; and I fed the flock. And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also

9 loathed me. Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and ⁴that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them which are left eat every one the flesh of another.

10 And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had

11 made with all the peoples. And it was broken in that day: and ⁵thus ¹the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew that it was the

12 word of the LORD. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire thirty

13 *pieces* of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it ⁶unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them ⁶unto the

14 potter, in the house of the LORD. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet again the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not ⁷visit those that be ⁸cut off, neither shall seek ⁹those that be scattered, nor heal that that is broken; neither shall he feed that which ¹⁰is sound, but he shall eat the flesh

¹ Or, *the most miserable of sheep*

² Or, *Graciousness*
³ Or, *Binders*
Or, *Union*

⁴ Or, *that that is lost, let it be lost*

⁵ Or, *the poor of the flock... knew of a truth*

⁶ The Syriac reads, *into the treasury*.

⁷ Or, *miss*

⁸ Or, *lost*

⁹ Or, *the young*

¹⁰ Heb. *standeth*.

of the fat, and shall tear their hoofs in pieces. Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the ¹⁷ flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

¹ Or, *oracle*

The ¹burden of the word of the LORD con- ¹ **12**
cerning Israel.

Thus saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him: Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of ² reeling unto all the peoples round about, and ²upon Judah also ³shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in ³ that day, that I will make Jerusalem a burden-
some stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the LORD, ⁴ I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness. And the chieftains of Judah shall say in their ⁵ heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. In ⁶ that day will I make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a torch of fire among sheaves; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall yet again dwell in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah ⁷ first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem be not magnified above Judah. In that day shall ⁸ the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

² Or, *against*

³ Or, *shall it fall to be*

and he ¹that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before
9 them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that
10 come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto ²me whom they have pierced: and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness
11 for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of
13 Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and
14 their wives apart; all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13 1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of
2 Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of
3 the land. And it shall come to pass that, when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through
4 when he prophesieth. And it shall come to pass

¹ Or, *that stumbleth*

² According to some MSS., *him.*

in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear a hairy mantle to deceive: but he shall say, I am no prophet, 5 I am a tiller of the ground; for I have been made a bondman from my youth. And one 6 shall say unto him, What are these wounds between thine ¹arms? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my ²friends.

¹ Heb. *hands*.

² Or, *lovers*

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and 7 against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come 8 to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring 9 the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Behold, a day of the LORD cometh, when thy 1 **14** spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem 2 to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished: and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and 3 fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand 4 in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain

- shall remove toward the north, and half of it
 5 toward the south. And ¹ye shall flee ²by the
 valley of ³my mountains; for the valley of the
 mountains shall reach unto Azel: yea, ye shall
 flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake
 in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the
 LORD my God shall come, and all the holy ones
 6 with thee. And it shall come to pass in that
 day, that ⁴the light shall not be ⁵with brightness
 7 and with gloom: but it shall be one day which
 is known unto the LORD; not day, and not night:
 but it shall come to pass, that at evening time
 8 there shall be light. And it shall come to pass
 in that day, that living waters shall go out from
 Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea,
 and half of them toward the western sea: in
 9 summer and in winter shall it be. And the
 LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that
 day shall the LORD be one, and his name one.
 10 All the land shall be turned as the Arabah, from
 Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she
 shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place,
 from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first
 gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower
 11 of Hananel unto the king's winepresses. And
 men shall dwell therein, and there shall be no
 more ⁶curse; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.
 12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the
 LORD will smite all the peoples that have warred
 against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume
 away while they stand upon their feet, and their
 eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and
 their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a
 great ⁷tumult from the LORD shall be among
 them; and they shall lay hold every one on the
 hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise
 14 up against the hand of his neighbour. And

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *the valley of my mountains shall be stopped*

² Or, *to*

³ Or, *the*

⁴ Another reading is, *there shall not be light, the bright ones shall contract themselves.*

⁵ According to some ancient versions, *but cold and frost.*

⁶ Or, *ban*

⁷ Or, *discomfiture*

¹ Or, *at*

Judah also shall fight ¹against Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. And so shall be ¹⁵ the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in those camps, as this plague. And ¹⁶ it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso of ¹⁷ *all* the families of the earth goeth not up unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And ¹⁸ if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, ²neither *shall it be* upon them; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the ³punishment of ¹⁹ Egypt, and the ³punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of ²⁰ the horses, HOLY UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem ²¹ and in Judah shall be holy unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more a ⁴Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

² Or, *shall there not be upon them the plague &c.?*
The text is probably corrupt.
The Sept. and Syr. have, *upon them shall be the plague &c.*

³ Or, *sin*⁴ Or, *trafficker*

MALACHI.

- 1 ¹ THE ¹burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by ²Malachi.
- 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? ³Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob; but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and *gave* his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness. ⁴Whereas Edom saith, We are ⁵beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down: and men shall call them The border of wickedness, and The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD ⁶be magnified ⁷beyond the border of Israel.
- 6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, ⁷Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar. And ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. ⁸And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! and when ye offer the lame and
- ¹ Or, *oracle*
² Or, *my messenger*
³ Or, *Is not Esau...? yet I have loved &c.*
⁴ Or, *Though Edom say*
⁵ Or, *as otherwise read, impoverished*
⁶ Or, *is great*
⁷ Or, *over*

sick, it is no evil! Present it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee? or will he accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. And now, I pray you, intreat the favour of ⁹ God, that he may be gracious unto us: this hath been ¹by your means: will he ²accept any of your persons? saith the LORD of hosts. Oh ¹⁰ that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle *fire on* mine altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. For from the ¹¹ rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name ³is great among the Gentiles; and in every place ⁴incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name ³is great among the Gentiles, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye profane it, in that ye ¹² say, The table of the LORD is polluted, and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye ¹³ say also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye have brought that which was taken by violence, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye bring the offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. But cursed be the ¹⁴ deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a blemished thing: for I am a great king, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is terrible among the Gentiles.

And now, O ye priests, this commandment ¹ **2** is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will ² not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, then will I send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will rebuke ³

¹ Heb. *from your hand.*

² Or, *accept any because of you*

³ Or, *shall be*

⁴ Or, *incense and a pure oblation are offered*

- ¹the seed for your sake, and will spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your ²sacrifices; and ye shall be taken away ³with it.
- 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might
- 5 be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might fear, and he feared me, and stood in awe of my name.
- 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and did turn
- 7 many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger
- 8 of the LORD of hosts. But ye are turned aside out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have had respect of persons in the law.
- 10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the
- 11 covenant of our fathers? Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the ⁴holiness of the LORD which he loveth, and hath married the daughter of a
- 12 strange god. The LORD will cut off to the man that doeth this him that waketh and him that answereth, out of the tents of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of
- 13 hosts. And this ⁵again ye do: ye cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, insomuch that he regardeth

¹ According to some ancient versions, *your arm*.

² Or, *feasts*

³ Or, *unto*

⁴ Or, *sanctuary*

⁵ Or, *a second time*

not the offering any more, neither receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say, ¹⁴ Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, though she is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. ¹⁵ And did he not make one, although he had the residue of the spirit? And wherefore one? He sought a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For ¹⁶ I hate putting away, saith the LORD, the God of Israel, and him that covereth his garment with violence, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. ¹⁷ Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? In that ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or where is the God of judgement? Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple; ¹⁸ and the ¹⁹ messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he cometh, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day ² of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner ³ and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto the LORD offerings in righteousness. Then shall the offering of ⁴ Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. And I will come near to you to judgement; and ⁵ I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,

¹ Or, *And not one hath done so who had a residue of the spirit. Or what? is there one that seeketh a godly seed?*

² Heb. *he hateth.*

³ Or, *even*

⁴ Or, *angel*

and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. For I the LORD change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But
8 ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and ¹offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye
9 rob me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room
10 enough *to receive it*. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field.
11 saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein have we spoken against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his charge, and that we have walked
13 ²mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt
14 God, and are delivered. Then they that feared the LORD spake one with another: and the

¹ Heb. *heave offerings*.

² Or, *in mourning apparel*

LORD hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD 17

¹ Or, *wherein I do make a peculiar treasure*

² Or, *do this*

[Ch. iii. 19 in Heb.]

of hosts, in the day ¹that I ²do make, *even* a peculiar treasure; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then ¹⁸ shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. For, behold, ¹ **4** the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But ² unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the ³ wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I ²do make, saith the LORD of hosts.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, ⁴ which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and judgements. Behold, ⁵ I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the LORD come. And ⁶ he shall turn the heart of the fathers ³to the children, and the heart of the children ³to their fathers; lest I come and smite the ⁴earth with a ⁵curse.

³ Or, *with*

⁴ Or, *land*

⁵ Or, *ban*

APPENDIX.

The American Old Testament Revision Company, while recognizing the cordial acceptance given to many of their suggestions, present the following instances in which they differ from the English Company, as of sufficient importance to be appended to the Revision in accordance with the original agreement.

ISAIAH.

- I. 14 For "to bear" read "of bearing"
- II. 4 Substitute marg.² ("*decide concerning*") for the text. So in Mic. iv. 3.
- III. 2 For "ancient" read "elder" from margin. So in ix. 15.
3 For "cunning" read "expert"
5 For "ancient" read "old man"
18 For "bravery" read "beauty"
24 For "stomacher" read "robe"
- VI. 7 For "purged" read "forgiven" with marg. Or, *expiated* So in xxvii. 9 and so for "purged from" in xxii. 14.
- VII. 15 Add marg. to "when he knoweth" Or, *till he know*
21 For "nourish" read "keep alive"
22 Read "that because of the abundance of milk which they"
- VIII. 6 In marg.¹ for "*them*" read "*they*"
21 For "hardly bestead" read "sore distressed"
- IX. 5 Omit "even"
10 For "change" etc. read "put cedars in their place"
18 For "thick clouds" read "a column"
- X. 13 For "am prudent" read "have understanding"
15 For "shaketh . . . shake" read "wieldeth . . . wield"
20 For "stay" read "lean" (twice) So in xxx. 12.
22 Substitute marg.² ("*thy people, O Israel*") for the text.
27 Substitute marg.⁸ ("*by reason of fatness*") for the text.
30 Omit marg. "Or, as otherwise read" etc.
31 For "gather themselves to flee" read "flee for safety"
33 Omit "ones"
- XI. 3 Substitute the marg. ("*decide*") for the text. So in ver. 4.
15 For "shake" read "wave"
- XIII. 21 For "satyrs" read "wild goats" and omit margin. So in xxxiv. 14.
- XIV. 23 Omit the space after this verse.
- XVI. 1 Substitute marg. ("*to*") for the text.
3 For "bewray" read "betray"

- XVII. 10 Omit marg. "Or, *plantings of Adonis*"
- XIX. 6 For "stink" read "become foul"
- XXI. 4 For "panteth" read "fluttereth"
- 13 For "travelling companies" read "caravans"
- XXIII. 8 Read "Tyre that bestoweth crowns"
- 10 For "girdle *about thee*" read "restraint" and add marg. Heb. *girdle*
- 13 Read "this people was not; the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness" and put the present text in the marg.
- XXIV. 20 To "hut" add marg. Or, *hammock*
- XXVI. 2 For "truth" read "faith"
- 8 Read "name, even to thy memorial *name*" and add marg. "See Ex. iii. 15."
- XXVII. 1 For "dragon" read "monster" So in li. 9; Jer. li. 34.
- XXVIII. 7 Read "And even these reel with wine and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with . . . they stagger with strong drink;" and omit margins² and³
- 24 Read "Doth he that ploweth to sow plow continually?"
- For "break the clods of" read "harrow"
- 25 For "made plain" read "levelled"
- XXIX. 16 For "framed" read "formed" (twice)
- 21 Add marg. to "in a cause" Or, *for a word*
- 24 For "learn doctrine" read "receive instruction"
- XXX. 1 For "cover with a covering" read "make a league" from margin.
- Substitute for marg.⁶ "Or, *pour out a drink-offering*"
- 2 For "walk" read "set out"
- 4 For "his" read "their" (twice)
- 5 For "of" read "because of"
- 6 For "bunches" read "humps"
- 14 Omit "withal"
- 17 Marg.¹ For "*mast*" read "*pole*"
- 20 Substitute for marg.³ "*And then will the Lord give you bread in adversity and water in affliction, and thy teachers shall not*"
- 23 For "rain of thy seed, that . . . withal" read "rain for thy seed wherewith thou shalt sow the ground;"
- 25 For "rivers" read "brooks"
- XXXI. 1 For "stay" read "rely" So in l. 10.
- 5 For "flying" read "hovering"
- XXXII. 5 Substitute the renderings of the marg. "*fool . . . noble*" for the text.
- 6 Substitute the renderings of the marg. "*fool . . . folly*" for the text.

- XXXIII. 4 For "they leap" read "men leap"
 14 For "surprised" read "seized"
 For "shall" read "can" (twice)
 19 For "perceive" read "comprehend"
- XXXIV. 8 Read "For Jehovah hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompence for the cause of Zion."
- XXXV. 8 Omit the second alternative rendering from marg.
- XXXVII. 33 For "cast" read "cast up"
- XXXVIII. 12 For "Mine age" read "My dwelling" and omit marg.⁵
 14 For "mourn" read "moan" So in lix. 11.
- XL. 19 Omit "graven" So in xliv. 10 read "an image"
 For "melted" read "hath cast"
- XLI. 27 Read "*I am* the first *that saith*"
- XLII. 15 For "make waste" read "lay waste"
 17 For "greatly ashamed" read "utterly put to shame" So in Jer. xx. 11.
 25 For "fury" read "fierceness" So in lxvi. 15.
- XLIII. 13 For "let" read "hinder" and omit marg.⁴
 23 For "made . . . to serve" read "burdened . . ." So in 24.
- XLIV. 7 For "appointed" read "established"
 28 For "and to" read "and of"
- XLV. 3 Read in last clause "that it is I Jehovah who call thee"
 24 For "unto me, is" read ", have I"
 In marg.⁵ for "*of*" read "*say of me, is*"
- XLVI. 3 For "the belly" read "their birth"
- XLVII. 3 For "accept" read "spare"
 Omit "*make truce with*" from marg.
 5 For "lady" read "mistress" So for "a lady" in ver. 7.
- LI. 4 For "make my judgement to rest" read "establish my judgment"
- LII. 2 For "sit thee down" read "*sit on thy throne*"
 10 For "shall see" read "have seen"
- LIII. 1 For "report" read "message"
 7 For "yet he humbled himself and" read "yet when he was afflicted he"
 For "; yea," read ", so"
 8 Substitute the rendering of marg.³ carrying forward the interrogation : ("*cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?*")
 9 For "the rich" read "a rich man" Omit marg.⁴
 11 For "by his knowledge" read "by the knowledge of himself" and put the present text in the marg.
 Omit marg.⁹ "Or, *He shall see*" etc.
- LIV. 12 For "pleasant" read "precious" So in Joel iii. 5.
- LVII. 4 For "draw out" read "put out"

- LVII. 8 To "where thou sawest it," add marg. Or, *thou providest room for it.*
 17 For "frowardly" read "backsliding"
 LX. 6 Read "all they from Sheba shall come"
 LXI. 2 For "acceptable year of the LORD" read "year of Jehovah's favour" and omit marg.
 7 For "For" read "Instead of" (twice)
 For "confusion" read "dishonour"
 LXIV. 5 Omit textual remark from marg.³
 11 For "things" read "places"
 LXVI. 5 Last clause, read "but it is they that shall be put to shame"
 16 For "plead, . . . , with" read "execute judgment, . . . , upon"
 So in Joel iii. 2.
 20 For "offering" read "oblation" (twice)

JEREMIAH.

- I. 6 For "cannot" read "know not how to"
 II. 25 For "There is no hope" read "It is in vain"
 34 For "I have not found" etc., read "thou didst not find them breaking in: but it is because of all these *things*:"
 Substitute for marg.⁵ "Or, *I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.*"
 37 For "From him" read "From thence"
 III. 21 For "for that" read "because"
 IV. 1 For "unto me shalt thou return:" read "if thou wilt return unto me;"
 10 For "soul" read "life"
 13 For "spoiled" read "despoiled;" So in ver. 30; ix. 19; x. 20.
 20 For "spoiled" read "laid waste" (twice) So in xlix. 3;
 Zech. xi. 2, 3 (twice)
 29 For "The whole city" read "Every city"
 V. 6 For "over" read "against"
 VI. 14 For "lightly" read "slightly" So in viii. 11.
 27 Let marg.¹ ("*trier*") and the text exchange places.
 VII. 24 Add marg. to "went backward" Or, *turned their back and not their face*
 VIII. 14 Add marg. to "gall" Or, *poison* So in ix. 15; xxiii. 15.
 IX. 26 For "polled" read "cut off" So in xxv. 23; xlix. 32.
 X. 5 Omit marg.³ except "Or, *pillar*"
 8 Marg.⁸ For "it is" read "*the stock is*"
 24 For "with judgement" read "in measure" Add marg. Heb. *judgment* So in xxx. 11; xlvi. 28.
 XI. 20 For "let me see" read "I shall see"

- XIII. 12 For "know" read "certainly know"
 21 Read "when he shall set over thee as head those whom thou hast thyself taught to be friends to thee"
- XIV. 3 For "pits" read "cisterns"
 12 For "oblation" read "meal offering" from margin. So read "meal offerings" in xvii. 26; xxxiii. 18; xli. 5.
- XVI. 4 For "die of" read "die"
- XVII. 11 Substitute marg. ² ("*sitteth on eggs which she hath not laid*") for the text.
- XVIII. 15 For "caused them" read "been made"
 17 Substitute the marg. ("*show them the back and not the face*") for the text.
- XX. 5 For "which shall spoil them" read "and they shall make them a prey"
 7 For "deceived" read "persuaded" (twice)
 10 For "enticed" read "persuaded"
- XXI. 5 For "wrath" read "indignation" So in xxxii. 37.
- XXII. 17 For "to shed" read "shedding"
- XXIII. 15 For "profaneness" read "ungodliness"
- XXVI. 2 For "keep not back" read "diminish not"
 18 For "Micaiah" read "Micah" Add marg. Heb. *Micaiah*
 19 Omit "at all"
- XXVIII. 13 For "shalt make" read "hast made"
- XXXI. 20 For "pleasant" read "darling"
 For "are troubled" read "yearn"
- XXXIII. 6 For marg. "Or, *healing*" read "Heb. *a bandage*"
- XXXVIII. 11 For "cast" read "cast off" So in ver. 12.
- XLI. 5 For "certain" read "men"
 14 For "cast about and returned" read "turned about and came back"
- XLVI. 3 For "Order" read "Prepare"
 8 For "the city" read "cities"
 17 Add margin to "but" etc., Or, *destroyed*
- XLVIII. 3 For "spoiling" read "laying waste"
 28 For "in the sides of the hole's mouth" read "over the mouth of the abyss"
 39 For "dismaying" read "terror"
- XLIX. 5 For "wandereth" read "fleeth"
 10 For "spoiled" read "made a prey"
 39 Add marg. to "bring again" Or, *return to* So in Ezek. xxix. 14; Hos. vi. 11; Joel iii. 1; Am. ix. 14; Zeph. iii. 20.
- L. 7 For "offend not" read "are not guilty"
 10 For "spoil . . . spoil" read "prey . . . prey upon"
- LI. 5 Add margin to "forsaken" Or, *widowed*
 14 Add margin to "Surely" Or, *Though I have filled*

- LI. 14 Add margin to "and" Or, *yet*
 34 For "delicates" read "delicacies"
 55 For "spoilth Babylon" read "layeth Babylon waste"
 LII. 23 Marg.¹ for "*four*" read "four"

LAMENTATIONS.

- I. 12 For "done unto" read "brought upon"
 II. 19 For "top" read "head" So in iv. 1; Nah. iii. 10.

EZEKIEL.

- I. 4 For "colour" read "look" So in verses 7, 16, 22, 27;
 viii. 2; x. 9.
 For "amber" read "glowing metal" So in 27; viii. 2.
 Substitute "Or, *amber*" for marg.⁴
 18 For "rings" read "rims" (twice)
 V. 13 For "satisfy my fury" read "cause my wrath to rest"
 and omit the marg. So in xvi. 42; xxi. 17; xxiv. 13.
 VI. 9 For "whorish" read "lewd"
 VII. 26 For "ancients" read "elders"
 IX. 6 For "ancient" read "old"
 X. 21 Omit "apiece"
 XXIII. 5 For "made up the fence" read "built up the wall" So
 alter "make up the fence" in xxii. 30.
 6 For "and the LORD" read "but Jehovah"
 10 Add margin to "untempered *mortar*" Or, *whitewash* So
 in xxii. 28.
 XIV. 15 For "noisome" read "evil"
 XVI. 7 For "the bud of" read "that which groweth in"
 43 For "fretted" read "raged against"
 XVII. 9 For "even without" etc., read "and not by a strong arm
 or much people can it be raised from the roots thereof"
 XX. 3 For "Are ye come" etc. read "Is it to enquire of me that
 ye are come?"
 XXIII. 3 For "bruised" read "handled" So in ver. 8, and "hand-
 ling" in ver. 21.
 For "teats" read "bosom" So in verses 8, 21.
 XXIV. 13 For "purged" read "cleansed" (3 times)
 XXVII. 9 For "ancients" read "old men"
 For "occupy" read "deal in"
 27 For "occupiers of" read "dealers in"
 XXVIII. 3 For "they can hide" read "is hidden"
 XXIX. 5 For "leave thee *thrown*" read "cast thee forth"
 18 For "peeled" read "worn"

- XXX. 3 For "near, a day" etc. read "near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time" etc.
- XXXVIII. 22 Read ": and with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him"
- XLII. 12 For "in the head" read "at the head"
- XLIII. 14 Substitute marg.⁵ ("ledge") for the text. So in ver. 20 and xlv. 19.
- XLV. 15 Put marg.² ("well watered") in the text.

DANIEL.

- IX. 25, 26 Substitute for marg. to "the anointed one" Heb. *Messiah*
- 25 Read "seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: it shall be" etc. from marg.¹², and put text in margin.
- 26 Substitute marg.¹⁴ ("the end thereof") for the text.
- 27 Substitute marg.¹⁵ ("in the midst of") and marg.¹⁸ ("desolate") for the text.

HOSEA.

- VIII. 11 For "to sin" read "for sinning" (twice)
- 12 Substitute marg.⁵ ("I wrote for him the ten thousand things of my law, but they" etc.) for the text.

OBADIAH.

- 20 For "captivity" read "captives" (twice)

MICAH.

- I. 4 For "molten" read "melted"
- 16 For "poll thee" read "cut off thy hair"
- II. 11 Transpose text and margin⁹.
- IV. 6 For "halteth" read "is lame" So in Zeph. iii. 19.
- 7 For "halted" read "was lame"
- 13 For "thou shalt" read "I shall" and omit marg.

NAHUM.

- I. 10 Read "For entangled like thorns and drunken as with their drink they are consumed"
- II. 1 For "munition" read "fortress"
- 4 For "juttle one against another" read "rush to and fro"
- 7 Let marg.¹ ("And it is decreed; she is" etc.) and the text exchange places.
- For "tabering" read "beating"
- 9 For "pleasant" read "goodly"

- III. 2 For "jumping" read "bounding"
 19 For "bruit" read "report"

ZECHARIAH.

- II. 8 For "spoiled you" read "made you a spoil"
 III. 5 For "fair" read "clean" (twice)
 IV. 7 For "head" read "top"
 14 For "sons of oil" read "anointed ones"
 V. 3 For "purged out" read "cut off" (twice)
 XIV. 10 For "Arabah" read "plain"
 21 Omit marg. "Or, *trafficker*"

MALACHI.

- II. 3 For "sacrifices" read "solemn feasts" and omit margin.
 III. 3 For "purge" read "refine"
 15 For "are delivered" read "escape"



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